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Extra security follows report of threats

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University President John Wolfe locked the doors of his administration building yesterday and posted guards who checked visitors with metal detectors.

KSU police also guarded Hillcrest Place, the president's home, just off campus.

Campus police chief John W. Mason did not return several phone calls. Wolfe, in a brief interview, declined to answer questions. Attorneys had advised him not to speak to reporters, he said.

"A statement will be released at the appropriate time," he said. Wolfe said he did not know when that might be.

No official explanation was given for the stepped-up security, which came a day after a Louisville television station, quoting anonymous sources, said Wolfe had received death threats.

WHAS-TV also reported that Wolfe spent Saturday night in Louisville accompanied by KSU campus police escorts.

But as of yesterday afternoon, neither Wolfe nor any of his aides had contacted law enforcement agencies about the alleged threats.

Trooper Glenn Walton, spokesman for the Kentucky State Police in Frankfort, said he had heard about the threats only through the media.

"I'm not saying we're not aware of it," he said. "We've got second- and third-hand type of information, but no official alert."

Frankfort Police Chief Ted Evans said the only report he had from KSU was a bomb threat about 1 p.m. Friday. A caller said a bomb had been planted in Hathaway Hall and would explode within an hour.

The building was evacuated, but no device was found.

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, chairman of KSU's Board of Regents, said he had not been given any official notice of death threats against Wolfe.

"The only thing I know about is what I've been told by the news media and what I saw on television," he said. "I would suggest that he immediately call the FBI, the Kentucky State Police and the Frankfort police."

"The campus police are restricted in their jurisdiction."

Nunn said he had not spoken to Wolfe "since he walked out of the meeting Friday."

A continuing conflict between the board and Wolfe over personnel appointments erupted Friday when regents canceled his inauguration and reportedly asked him to resign.

The regents acted after learning that Wolfe had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

"I have no idea what he's going to do now," Nunn said.

Callers to Wolfe's office yesterday were told he was unavailable. KSU spokeswoman Jayna Oakley said she was told he was not in his office. "I don't know if he's coming in or not," she said.

All of the entrances but one had been locked at Hume Hall, the administration building that houses the offices of Wolfe and most of the school's other top officials.

Two campus police officers in the one doorway searched each visitor with a hand-held metal detector and asked students to empty their pockets and backpacks.

When a reporter arrived, an officer checked him for weapons while the other went to Wolfe's office to see whether he was inside. The reporter was then escorted upstairs to Wolfe's office.

Wolfe appeared briefly and said he was issuing the same statement to all reporters: "No comment."

Many students said yesterday that they still supported Wolfe and weren't worried about the alleged threats. "We've got to keep our spirits up," said Michael Cobb, a senior from Tulsa, Okla.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Louis Coleman, a civil rights activist and KSU alumnus, said he sent a letter yesterday to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, asking it to step in and help settle the KSU issues.

Coleman, spokesman for the Alumni Ministers Alliance and Friends, also has scheduled news conferences for today and Wednesday to discuss the controversy.

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1991

Police escorted Wolfe in Louisville, station says

Staff, wire reports

LOUISVILLE — A Louisville television station reported yesterday that embattled Kentucky State University President John Wolfe Jr. spent Saturday night in Louisville accompanied by KSU campus police escorts.

WHAS-TV said it was told by anonymous sources that Wolfe has received death threats, but the station also said neither Frankfort police nor Kentucky State Police had been contacted about any threats.

Armed university police guarded Wolfe's campus residence over the weekend, WHAS also reported.

The KSU board of regents on Friday canceled Wolfe's inauguration amid reports that he had been asked to resign.

Federal intervention sought in KSU squabble

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A civil-rights activist asked yesterday for federal intervention in the controversy over Kentucky State University President John Wolfe Jr.

In a letter to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Rev. Louis Coleman of Shelbyville said a three-month impasse on the appointment of top-level administrators "is the work of those who no longer want this historically black university to remain open."

Coleman, who is a part-time KSU employee, said he requested federal assistance to end "an apparent takeover" of KSU.

Wolfe and the school's board of regents have been locked for weeks in a controversy over personnel appointments and other matters, and last Friday the regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration, which had been scheduled for this Saturday.

The board also urged Wolfe to resign and instructed him to give the regents his decision this week.

Meanwhile, security remained tight at Wolfe's campus residence after an alleged death threat Saturday. Details of the threat were still unavailable from campus police yesterday. John Mason, chief of campus security, did not return two calls from The Courier-Jour-



COLEMAN: Says Nunn keeps KSU in 'state of confusion.'

nal yesterday, and other KSU security officials said only Mason could comment on the matter.

Neither Frankfort police or the Kentucky State Police were notified of the threat.

A lone, armed campus police officer remained parked by Wolfe's home throughout the day. And all but one entrance to Hume Hall, where Wolfe's office is located, was locked. Anyone entering the building was screened by campus police using hand-held metal detectors.

Howard Ross, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the heightened security was due to "news reports" of the death threat. "The president's safety is foremost in our minds, and that's why these precautions are being taken," Ross said.

Wolfe was unavailable for comment and has made no public statement on his situation since last Friday's meeting of the regents.

KSU students are planning a march from the campus to the Capitol in support of Wolfe tomorrow afternoon.

Alan Moore, president of KSU's faculty senate, said classes were meeting as usual yesterday "in spite of this substantial distraction."

"We're trying to keep on as best we can in spite of all the confusion and controversy. We're not going to let

anything keep us from doing what we're here for, and that's to give these students the finest education that we can," he added.

Coleman's letter said the KSU controversy "could have been resolved positively long ago if not for the obvious determination" of regent Chairman Louie B. Nunn "to keep the university in the state of confusion and looking bad in the eye of the public."

He charged that Nunn has kept the controversy alive through "skilful and cunning" tactics.

"We feel that the chairman needs to step aside and give President Wolfe an opportunity to do the job he was hired to do, not as Mr. Nunn says to do it, but what will be in the best interest of the university."

No one could be reached for comment later yesterday at the Office of Civil Rights.

Nunn, informed of Coleman's letter, called it "too absurd for a response."

Coleman signed the letter on behalf of a group identified as "Alumni Ministers Alliance and Friends."

Nunn, a former governor, said Sunday on a Lexington television news program that the regents had canceled Wolfe's inauguration for three reasons. One was the contents of a report the board's personnel committee had completed and turned over to Wolfe. Another was a 9.5 percent pay raise Wolfe gave himself without the regents' approval, and the third was the cost of redecorating the president's campus home.

U of L shoots for better rate of graduation

By Glenn Rutherford

Herald-Leader Louisville bureau

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville has unveiled a plan designed to improve the graduation rate of the school's student-athletes.

U of L Athletics Director Bill Olsen yesterday told a meeting of the school's Board of Trustees that the plan — effective immediately — will give U of L "an opportunity to be leader, not a follower" when it comes to academic performance by student-athletes.

Among the plan's major efforts will be:

- A pre-admission review process for prospective student athletes. "Any student-athlete under consideration for a scholarship at U of L will undergo this review," Olsen said. "This will attempt to insure that any student-athlete who goes through this process can be a graduate of this school."

- Coaches will be monitored and evaluated each year on their players' academic achievements.

- Athletic scholarships in sports other than football, basketball, volleyball and women's tennis will no longer be split in more than two parts. (In other words, coaches can no longer offer less than half-scholarships to student athletes.)

- A "three-tiered" system of providing help for student-athletes will group them into three sets, providing the most intensive assistance — one-on-one tutoring and mandatory study halls, for instance — to those who need the most help.

To be considered for a scholarship at U of L, a student-athlete must have a 2.25 grade-point average in high school (out of a possible 4.0) and must score at least a 16 on the ACT college admission test.

"I'd like to emphasize that these are standards for admission to U of L," said Dennis Golden, the school's vice president for student affairs.

U of L President Donald Swain said the program's goal is to "meet the national average" student-athlete graduation rate — about 45 percent.

"That's the minimum requirement," Golden said. "We are certain this program will allow us to surpass the national average."

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Morehead's Harris shares OVC award

NASHVILLE (AP) — Middle Tennessee State's Walter Dunson and Morehead State's Darrin Harris share this week's Ohio Valley Conference offensive player of the week award.

Dunson tied the Blue Raiders' record for points in a game and most touchdowns in a game as he scored on runs of 12, 17, 4 and 22 yards during a 35-3 victory over Murray State. Dunson carried 10 times for 64 yards.

Harris carried 10 times for 79

yards, scored twice and grabbed five passes for 97 yards, including a 61-yard touchdown reception, during a 32-28 loss to Tennessee-Martin.

Other weekly award winners, all from Austin Peay were: safety James Mesidor (defensive player); place-kicker Steve Munnell (specialist), and quarterback Jay Hampton (rookie).

There was no offensive lineman of the week selected.

Officials defend towing cars at U of L game

By SHELDON SHAFER
Staff Writer

Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center officials yesterday defended the towing of at least several dozen vehicles during the University of Louisville football game Saturday.

The fairgrounds officials denied there was any crackdown or new strict policy. Rather, they said, they were trying to enforce the long-standing prohibitions against parking in fire lanes, blocking other parked vehicles or parking on Ring Road around the fairgrounds perimeter.

Several callers to The Courier-Journal during the weekend and yesterday, however, contended that at least some of the owners of the vehicles towed had been parking in the same place for some time without any problem and that they were towed from an area that wasn't marked as no parking.

Denise Hickey said her companion's car was towed to a lot in Fairdale. She said that it cost \$60 to get

the car back plus a \$12 fine for an illegal parking citation. She said she didn't get home until 11:30 p.m. Saturday, more than four hours after the game.

Hickey said the car was towed from the lot just northeast of Cardinal Stadium, the same area from which two dozen or so other cars were towed. She said police in the lot Saturday didn't say people couldn't park there. Hickey said there was no sign or markings prohibiting parking.

Fair board President Dwight Butt said most of the cars towed were blocking fire lanes. He said the concrete surface in the area has striping, indicating no parking. He said the area is not posted with a no parking sign.

Butt said as people streamed in Saturday for the game, parking attendants steered people away from the parking area in question. He said, however, that late arrivals parked there after the attendants had moved on to supervise other parking areas. He said the cars

blocked the fire lane. Some cars also apparently spilled over onto one of the lanes on Ring Road.

Fairgrounds safety chief Steve Spurrier said several dozen cars are usually towed at every game. He and Butt said they weren't sure how many cars were towed Saturday.

Butt said people won't be towed if they park where they are supposed to or where directed by attendants. He said the fair board plans to spend \$300,000 over the next two years to stripe lots and to build curbs to clear up some of the traffic congestion.

Butt said the large crowd Saturday probably created more congestion and confusion than usual. But he said there was space to park, especially in the south lot in front of Freedom Hall.

Walt's Wrecker Service has the towing contract at the fairgrounds. Cars towed Saturday were taken to either a nearby lot on Floyd Street or to the one in Fairdale. A Walt's employee yesterday said owner Walt Underwood was out of town.

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EDITORIALS

Pigskin in a poke

Don't use lottery money for new U of L stadium

The smartest thing the General Assembly did in setting up Kentucky's lottery was to refuse to earmark lottery revenue for specific state programs. There is no reason to change that now, not even in the name of football.

The University of Louisville, Louisville and Jefferson County officials are studying the feasibility of building a new stadium, perhaps even a domed facility, for the U of L football team. More power to them. U of L's emergence as a force to be reckoned with in collegiate football, coupled with a schedule that includes several big-name schools, is sufficient reason to think about a larger stadium.

But not with lottery revenue. That's a bad idea, for a couple of reasons.

The state budget picture isn't real rosy. The effects of recession have produced a shortfall in anticipated revenues this year, and there is no sign of recovery on the immediate horizon. Spending \$50 million to \$87 million on a football stadium would not be a good idea for the state.

Kentucky still needs money for education reform. The state faces

the potential loss of \$500 million in federal Medicaid money. Under the circumstances, it's going to be hard to maintain essential state services at their existing level, much less pay for a luxury item like a football stadium.

But even if Kentucky's budget had room for a few luxuries, earmarking lottery money for U of L's stadium wouldn't be wise. It is simply bad policy to earmark lottery revenues for any program. It was bad policy when Gov. Wallace Wilkinson tried to get the money earmarked for education and senior citizens programs. It is bad policy now.

Lottery revenues are not dependable. Unlike set taxes, which can be estimated with some semblance of accuracy, the amount of money the lottery brings in depends on the whim of the public. The revenues can fluctuate wildly. That makes it foolish for any program to have its future linked to the lottery. If anything, lottery revenues should be treated more like a source of emergency funds than as a consistent source of revenue for specific state programs.

So, good luck to U of L on building its new stadium — but not with earmarked lottery money.

Academic achievement mediocre, report says

By TAMARA HENRY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — American children are about 20 years behind in their knowledge of math, reading, writing and science, educators said today in a series of reports that painted a bleak picture of academic achievement nationwide.

The Education Department said that, regardless of age, pupils lost ground in achievement levels in math, reading, writing and science between the early 1970s and 1980s. By 1990, they were back at the same level as in the 1970s, it said.

"Hey, we're not doing well," said Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, chairman of the National Education Goals Panel.

Interviewed Sunday on ABC's "This Week With David Brinkley," Romer said that "when we measure how we're doing as against what we ought to be doing, you know, we're not doing well at all."

"And this report is going to say to America, 'Look, we've got a long way to go to reach those (educational attainment) goals,'" he said.

The new reports did show, however, that the gap in achievement levels between whites and minority groups decreased. But it also showed that white children still outperform black and Hispanic youths at all age levels and in all subjects.

"It's good that we're on an upward trend, but I don't think this is the time to relax," said Diane Ravitch, assistant secretary of education for educational research and improvement. "The achievement trend lines are essentially flat over the past 20 years. What was good enough 20 years ago is not good enough any more."

The department's report was accompanied by a separate Nation's Report Card that compared, for the first time, what children actually know in math with what they should know.

That report by the National Assessment of Educational Progress said just over 60 percent of children in grades four, eight and 12 can perform simple math problems using basic skills. However, less than 20 percent of those in the three grades can tackle solid grade-level work.

As for advanced math, the report said 1 percent or less of the fourth- and eighth-graders, and 2.6 percent of high school seniors can work at this level.

Education Secretary Lamar Alexander, appearing with Romer on ABC-TV, said that pouring more money into the educational system isn't the answer.

"People support quality education and they're willing to pay for it. But they don't want to put more money into systems that don't work," he said.

Thirty-seven states, the District of Columbia, Guam and the Virgin Islands allowed the National Assessment to analyze their pupils' math achievement level as part of the 1990 exam. Thirty-five of the states agreed to make the results public.

North Dakota led the states with the highest percentage of eighth-graders performing at the basic and proficient levels. About 85 percent of the eighth-graders were able to tell whether to measure the length of a pencil using centimeters, meters or kilometers — considered basic calculations. About 31 percent were able to find the average age when given the ages of five children — considered the proficient level.

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Education report gives Kentucky poor scores in basic math skills

By Mary Ann Roser

Herald-Leader Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Kentucky's education reforms have put it far ahead of the nation, but the state should not ignore two dismal education reports released yesterday that point up its shortcomings, experts cautioned.

Nearly half of Kentucky eighth-graders, 49.4 percent, are unable to perform at the most basic level — adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying, according to one report that deals exclusively with mathematics achievement in 1990.

In that same study, only 11 percent were considered proficient — able to use algebra, decimals and fractions — and fewer than 1 percent were able to more complicated math, said the report by the National Assessment Governing Board.

A portion of the findings was included in a separate report, also released yesterday, by the National Education Goals Panel, a group of governors and Bush administration officials.

That panel, which measured progress on education goals ranging from academic performance to discipline in the schools, also reported that only 9 percent of Kentucky students took calculus and 17 percent took physics in 1988.

Teacher training also was a problem. Only 46 percent of Kentucky math teachers had a degree in their subject while 49 percent of science teachers did.

With 2.3 percent, Virginia had the highest percentage of eighth-graders performing advanced math. An advanced eighth-grader should be able to calculate the probability that a person can draw a chip with an even number when nine chips are mixed in a sack.

The National Assessment is conducted by the private Educational Testing Service under a \$58.5 million contract with the Education Department's National Center for Education Statistics. About 137,000 students participated in the 1990 mathematics assessment.

Both reports, not only paint a bleak picture of the academic achievement of America's students, but also challenge the premise of the National Education Goals to return America to world-class levels by the year 2000.

The National Education Goals Panel said in its first annual report today "that we are making progress in some areas" but "they fall far short of what is needed to secure a free and prosperous future."

On the issue of drug and alcohol abuse, the panel said that in 1990, 41 percent of Kentucky high school students said they drank five or more drinks in a row in the last 30 days, 7 percent said they used marijuana, and 4 percent said they used cocaine.

And in a survey of discipline problems, 15 percent of high school teachers said physical abuse was a problem in their school while about three-fourths cited verbal abuse, theft and vandalism as problems.

Based on the math scores, Kentucky tied with California and ranked 25th among 33 states and the District of Columbia that participated in the study. Kentucky did better than the Southeast, where 53.5 percent of eighth-graders were unable to do basic work, but worse than the national average of 41.8 percent lacking basic skills.

There were no differences in math performance among Kentucky boys and girls, but students in poor, urban schools fared worse than those in extreme rural areas.

The nation's students were held to a new standard of proficiency that was determined by a panel of teachers and lay people. The standard, designed to show how U.S. students stack up against their competitors around the world, has been challenged by a team of educators and the American Federation of Teachers, who contend it is unreliable and could make students look worse than they are.

But Education Secretary Lamar Alexander said it would be a mistake to let that debate cloud the overall message in the reports. "The gap is big enough to cause us a great deal of concern," Alexander said.

In response to the reports, Kentucky Gov. Wallace Wilkinson on Friday issued a document that gave a glowing description of the state's reform program. National education experts agree that Kentucky is a leader in reform, but it should not discount the warnings in the reports, they said.

"Kentucky is the best we've done yet on education reform, but I don't think it's good enough," said Frank Newman, president of the Education Commission of the States.

Robert Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, said Kentucky should not underestimate the challenge of meeting the goals set by the governors and administration.

Even students in Kentucky's best school districts are below the national average on various measures of academic performance, Sexton said. And some districts graduate only half of their students.

"Perhaps these goals will serve to remind us how big this job and how long this job is. It's something to keep our eyes on," he said.

Wilkinson said the federal government should do more to help.

"The greatest omission in the (goals panel) report is the lack of a clearly defined federal role in the process," he said.

Education report concludes Johnny can't add, either

By Mary Ann Roser

Herald-Leader Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Sounding a "wake-up call" to the nation, a panel of governors and Bush administration officials delivered a grim education report yesterday that echoed a familiar theme: U.S. students are at the bottom of the class.

The National Education Goals Panel said U.S. students were at or near the bottom in math and science. In math, only one in five students in grades four, eight and 12 are performing as well as their counterparts in other countries.

Unlike previous surveys, this report did not rank students state by state. Instead, panel members said, the objective was to hold U.S. students to "world-class standards."

Students were judged on what they should know to compete in a global economy, but the standard by which they were judged was available for only mathematics. Standards for other subjects will be developed for future reports, designed to show annual progress on meeting an ambitious set of goals by the year 2000.

The goals were set by the nation's governors and President Bush after an education summit in 1989. If the goals were met, even the most disadvantaged children would come to school with the skills needed to learn, 90 percent of students would graduate from high school, students would be able to master "challenging" subjects, the United States would lead the world in math and science, illiteracy would be eradicated, and schools would be free of drugs and violence.

In 1991, only about 40 percent of 3- to 5-year-olds from families with incomes of \$30,000 or less

were enrolled in preschool, the report says.

The nation's overall graduation rate was 83 percent, only a 2-point improvement in 15 years. On judging academic performance, the report cites the students' dismal math performance on a standard determined by a panel of teachers and lay people.

The standard they used was challenged by some educators, including the American Federation of Teachers, which contended that the data was unreliable and could make students look worse than they really were.

To measure performance in other subjects, the panel used national instead of international standards. It found that 12th-graders had a basic knowledge of civics but that only 6 percent had detailed knowledge of government institutions.

Average reading scores for 13- and 17-year-olds showed little change from 1980 to 1990, and writing scores for fourth- and 11th-graders were relatively unchanged from 1984 to 1990.

There was some good news.

During the past five years, the number of Advanced Placement exams taken increased 51 percent, with rates of increase highest among minority students.

Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and an adviser to the panel, said schools must change dramatically.

"The issue of creating a different climate in the school, of making children feel they are connected and to rearrange the teaching and learning environment — to move away from passive to active learning so you have creativity and not conformity — must be addressed," he said.

Divided Baptist seminary loses more professors

By BILL WOLFE
Religion Writer

The president of the Faculty Association and an internationally respected professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have announced plans to leave — in large part because of ongoing conflict between moderates and conservatives at the seminary and in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Church history professor Bill Leonard, president of the association and chief spokesman for the faculty the past two years, will leave Jan. 1 to become head of the religion department at Samford University, a Baptist school in Birmingham, Ala.

John Jonsson, professor of mission and world religions, also will leave in January to become professor of world religions at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

They are the fourth and fifth Southern professors this year to announce their departure for reasons connected to the moderate/conservative controversy. The seminary has about 75 full-time professors.

Theologically conservative Southern Baptists have held the denomination's presidency since 1979 and have been steadily gaining control of the boards, agencies and seminaries operated by the 14 million-member denomination.

Conservatives gained a majority on Southern's board of trustees in 1989 and moved quickly to swing the institution to the theological right. They have installed new hiring guidelines to ensure that only conservative faculty members are added to the staff and at one point sought to prescribe specific theological stands, such as belief in a literal Adam and Eve.

Faculty members reacted angrily to what they considered a violation of their academic freedom.

Earlier this year, three Southern professors left the seminary and said the controversy was at least partly to blame. Leonard said the departure of New Testament professor Alan R. Culpepper, history professor Karen Smith and psychology of religion professor Andrew D. Lester helped convince him to move on.

"I'm 45," said Leonard, who has

taught at Southern for 16 years. "Do I want to be 55 and still dealing with these issues in this faculty in this place — particularly as I may become part of an increasing minority?"

Last spring the trustees passed — with faculty approval — a "covenant" aimed at easing tensions. It calls for the seminary to hire only faculty members who "reflect a clear evangelical orientation" in their view of the Bible. However, it does not affect currently tenured faculty members and does not insist on specific theological beliefs of new and untenured teachers, as the trustees had required before the covenant.

The covenant "bought some time so that people on this faculty — and students in the student body — will not have to panic," Leonard said.

Nevertheless, he foresees Southern moving along an increasingly conservative path. "If I stayed, I would have to keep speaking out about issues," Leonard said.

Instead, he hopes to spend more time at Samford teaching, conducting research and writing.

The Alabama university is under control of its state Southern Baptist convention, not the national convention, and should be shielded from the denominational controversy, he said.

Leonard said he will make a little more money at Samford than at Southern but that his salary was not an issue when he considered leaving. He was influenced by a job the school offered his wife, Candyce, who will teach Spanish.

Jonsson, who has been teaching at Southern for about 10 years, said he is "not bothered whether Baptists are conservative or liberal" but objects to efforts to force one type of theological thought on the denomination.

He said he was one of five faculty members who voted against the covenant last spring because he sees it as "a litmus test" of Baptist belief.

Jonsson, 66, said he had other attractive job offers in previous years, but "I would never have gone there if it wasn't for this controversy."

"I just felt that with this covenant we had surrendered something which was very, very precious to my concept of religious freedom," he said.

Leonard and Jonsson expressed admiration for Southern's faculty and regrets at leaving their colleagues.

"These have been some of my most creative, productive and happiest years," Jonsson said. "I'm not expecting to find anything comparable to it again."

Leonard said that when he made his decision to leave "I cried some over it. . . . But it's just time to go. And that's a bittersweet decision for me."

Southern President Roy L. Honeycutt said their departure will be "a major loss to the seminary." He said he respects their decision but wishes they had given the seminary more time to work through its difficulties.

While Honeycutt also has voiced fears that trustees might violate teachers' academic freedom, "to this date I don't know of any faculty member who's had any intrusion into his or her classroom."

Seminary Provost Larry L. McSwain said that the loss of the teachers is "discouraging," but that Southern will intensify its efforts to retain remaining teachers and build a "sense of commitment."

Conservative trustee John Michael said Leonard and Jonsson had been good faculty members, but "there are a lot of well-qualified conservatives who would be very glad to be at Southern" and can "fill the shoes" left vacant.

Leonard rebuffed any argument that the departure of moderate teachers is a victory for conservatives and a loss for moderates.

"Nobody won. And even the people who think they won have lost so much," he said. "And that's the tragedy of all this."

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Proposed garage project may get \$1 million grant

By **KENNETH HART**
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — The city of Ashland is in line to receive a \$1 million federal grant to help fund a new multi-level parking garage on Winchester Avenue next to the Paramount Arts Center.

U.S. Rep. Chris Perkins announced Monday that funding for the project had been approved by a House-Senate conference committee as part of an overall spending package that will likely be voted on by the full House and Senate later this week.

The funding request, termed a special purpose grant, is included in a larger bill that sets fiscal year 1992 spending levels for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Veterans Affairs and other federal agencies.

Spokesmen for Perkins said Monday that approval of the grant was a virtual certainty.

"The only way there would be a problem was that if someone tried to pick and choose things to cut out, and that usually doesn't happen," said Richard Lewis, Perkins' press secretary.

Lawmakers also could vote to delete all special purpose grants from the spending package. But Dave Whalin, an administrative assistant to Perkins, said indications were that would not happen.

City officials said the parking garage will help meet the demand for additional parking from Morehead State University's Ashland Extended Campus Center — which will be across the street in the former Ashland Oil Inc. headquarters.

Ashland Mayor Dick Martin said that he and Perkins had been working closely together on the project for nearly a year.

"We must provide additional parking for the tech center and for that end of town," Martin said. "This project ... will go a long way towards the total revitalization of downtown."

The news was also warmly received by Morehead State President C. Nelson Grote.

"The proposed parking garage will aid the resurgence of downtown Ashland and serve our students taking classes at the extended campus center, as well as Ashland Community College and other tenants of the building," he said.

The former Ashland Oil building at 14th Street and Winchester Avenue — vacant since 1982 — is being renovated and should be ready for occupancy by January.

Martin said the city purchased the lot next to the Paramount from First American Bank for \$225,000 and will assume ownership of the property in January. The city

used federal funds to buy the lot, he said.

City officials have not arrived at a total cost for the parking garage, and Martin said the city is pursuing other funding sources.

First American spent about \$4 million in 1979 to build its five-story parking garage on 17th Street, bank President John Mays said.

"A good rule of thumb is that a garage will cost about \$7,000 per parking space," he said.

Perkins said in a prepared release that he pressed for the garage during the conference committee's final deliberations on the spending bill.

"I knew that Mayor Martin really wanted the money to go ahead with the parking garage and I figured this was my last chance to try and get it," Perkins said.

The function of a conference committee is to piece together a final bill from separate measures passed by the House and Senate.

"The city of Ashland is going through a major transition to its downtown area as part of a larger effort to get people to come back into town and attract industries there," Perkins said. "But one piece to that puzzle was still missing — a place to park."

It was unclear Monday when construction would begin on the parking garage. Whalin said it would probably be several months before the city receives the money.

KSU board will meet to decide Wolfe's future

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — With Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. refusing to resign, the chairman of KSU's board of regents said yesterday that he will convene a meeting to resolve Wolfe's future at the university.

Chairman Louie B. Nunn said the meeting could come as soon as Friday.

The regents sought Wolfe's resignation last Friday after a several-week controversy surrounding the board's refusal to approve his slate of top-level administrators, plus the cost of renovations of the president's home and Wolfe's unilateral approval of a 9.5 percent raise for himself without the board's approval.

The board, in a stunning rebuke, also canceled Wolfe's inauguration, scheduled for this Saturday morning.

Wolfe told WHAS-TV yesterday that he did not intend to resign the post he has held only since mid-1990. Later yesterday, citing advice of counsel, he declined to comment further on his plans in an interview with The Courier-Journal. He also said he did not know if the board would attempt to oust him.

Nunn also would not comment on whether the board would try to remove Wolfe, or bring any charges against him.

"The charges that are lodged, if any, will come about as the result of a majority of the board. ... I will not indicate what the charges will be because I have no way of knowing," Nunn said.

But according to a legal opinion board attorney William E. Johnson of Frankfort gave the board's personnel committee, several possible grounds exist for firing Wolfe. The most serious charge, according to Johnson, relates to Wolfe's action on July 1 that raised his pay from \$92,500 to \$101,288.

Wolfe has previously said that the pay increase was part of the personnel impasse between him and the regents. He said last night that he had refunded the salary increase to the university last week.

But a copy of Johnson's memo, obtained by The Courier-Journal, said that action appeared improper.

"It appears that the President took this action without securing the approval of the Board of Regents," Johnson wrote. "The contract is specific that any increases could only be granted by the Board. Such action by the president without authority of the Board of Regents and without advising the Board of Regents of such action may constitute the crime of theft by deception, which is a felony under the Kentucky Revised Statutes."

Johnson cited a state law stipulating that university governing boards may remove presidents for "incompetency, neglect of or refusal to perform his duty or for immoral conduct."

"The setting up of a scheme to receive money to which he was not authorized would probably constitute immoral conduct. Such conduct would also indicate incompetency," the memo added.

It also said that steps by Wolfe that deceived the board on expenditures for improving the president's home, might constitute incompetence, neglect of duty "and possibly immoral conduct."

The memo also said that Wolfe's "failure to properly handle personnel problems, including adequate supervision and recommendations for subordinates, would constitute incompetency, neglect of or refusal to perform his duty."

Wolfe acknowledged last night that he has retained Louisville attorney William McNulty to represent him. He said he was not aware of the potential charges, adding that he was not privy to information given to the personnel committee.

Wolfe has contended that any expenditures on Hillcrest Place, the president's home, were warranted and constituted proper maintenance and upkeep. Renovation, he said, was properly done under a state-approved contract.

Wolfe characterized much of the personal criticism as "efforts to assassinate my character." He would not comment further on the home expenditures or the personnel impasse, citing advice of counsel.

But Wolfe addressed the personnel issue earlier in a WAVE-TV interview. He called the impasse a "critical" difference of opinion with the board. A president, he said, must "be able to choose the people that he believes will work with him to move and advance the educational mission of the institution. If the president cannot have trust in the people who immediately surround him, then his effectiveness is hampered."

In the WHAS-TV interview, Wolfe said that he was being unjustly accused of mismanagement and that the other issues were not aimed at him.

"The intent of those attacks is on destroying that university, and I don't think the citizens of the commonwealth should allow that to happen," he said.

But Nunn said that Wolfe cannot deflect responsibility for the house expenditures. He also said the regents knew nothing about Wolfe's having returned his pay raise.

Last month, after the regents twice rejected Wolfe's personnel roster, Nunn named the four-regent personnel committee to resolve the issue. That panel conducted two days of private interviews last week with Nunn and 16 KSU officials and faculty members.

The committee's report was given to the board and Wolfe at last Friday's regents' meeting but was not released to the public.

The Courier-Journal obtained a copy of the report, which makes no recommendations for hiring or firing any employees but does reach several conclusions about KSU's administration.

It said that Wolfe had "little or no communication" with the board and that interviewees expressed "a severe lack of communication from the president's office and a 'general uneasiness' of where the school was headed. It also said that "people are fired, disciplined, moved from office to office without any prior advice or knowledge about such changes."

Relations with the public and businesses, it added, were "chaotic" and Wolfe was not "in contact with students and student problems."

The report also said that racial problems at the historically black school were not as extensive as often portrayed by the media. But it said "the issue is often used to disguise individual incompetency or for personal agendas. Additionally, it said that important financial information presented to the committee had been turned over to Nunn for presentation to the full board.

KSU's Wolfe refuses board request to quit

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Kentucky State University regents asked President John T. Wolfe Jr. to consider resigning at Friday's meeting and set yesterday as a deadline for his answer, board chairman Louie B. Nunn said yesterday.

Wolfe, in an interview yesterday with a Louisville television station, said that he would not step down and that the attacks against him were intended to "destroy the university."

"If I left here tomorrow, these problems would still be here," he told WHAS-TV.

A three-month battle with the board escalated Friday when regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration. It was reported that he had been asked to resign, but yesterday was the first time anyone officially acknowledged that request.

Wolfe and the regents have been at a standstill because of his slate of top administrators, which the regents twice refused to approve. Last week's actions came after the regents learned that Wolfe had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

When asked on TV yesterday whether he expected to be fired, Wolfe said, "That's the board's decision."

Nunn gave the same answer and said an emergency meeting of the board would be called in the next few days to consider Wolfe's presidency.

"We still haven't heard from him," Nunn said. "And I think it's tragic that he's seen fit to try and gain support through the media."

In the TV interviews, Wolfe continued to dodge questions about alleged death threats against him. Quoting anonymous sources, WHAS reported during the week-end that Wolfe spent Saturday night in Louisville accompanied by armed campus police officers after he received the threats.

"I will say, that information is still coming in" about the threats, Wolfe told WHAS yesterday. He declined to elaborate.

KSU's administration building was locked Monday, and guards with metal detectors were posted at one door. Campus police also are guarding Hillcrest Place, Wolfe's official residence.

Wolfe did not return several calls yesterday. However, he gave interviews to several Louisville TV stations.

Meanwhile, alumni and student groups conducted news conferences statewide to voice their support.

In Louisville, a group of ministers and civil rights leaders said they would join with students in a protest march at 2 p.m. today to the state Capitol.

The Rev. Louis Coleman and eight others representing the Alumni Ministers Alliance and Friends said yesterday that they hoped to meet with Gov. Wallace Wilkinson after reaching the Capitol steps.

"We've talked with his liaison," Coleman said, "and she told us the governor felt he would be meddling in the affairs of Kentucky State. But it's not a matter of meddling. It's his obligation to get involved. He's the man who made the bad appointments, and he must deal with it."

Coleman, a KSU alumnus, and the others were referring to Wilkinson's appointment of Nunn, a former governor, to head the KSU board. The group wants "Louie Nunn and all those who think like him, black or white, to step down" from the board of regents, Coleman said.

Joseph McMillan, a University of Louisville professor of education and civil rights leader, said the controversy at KSU was a "personal vendetta against Dr. Wolfe."

"And it's more than that, too," he said. "It's a throwback to the day when some people wanted to make Kentucky State a junior college."

Nunn, when told about fears that KSU would be shut down or converted to a two-year college, said, "Ask them what their evidence is other than just suspicions."

"That's so absurd, I won't comment on it," he said.

The Rev. Bob Burks, pastor of Spillman Memorial Church, said that "Dr. Wolfe has had less than a year at Kentucky State. He really hasn't had a chance yet to prove what he can do."

Burks also said that when Wolfe was hired — and approved by Nunn and the board of regents — "those people couldn't find enough good things to say about him."

"This is not a threat, but a promise," Coleman said. "We are not going to sit by and let Louie Nunn orchestrate the self-destruction of Kentucky State University. Nunn's actions reveal a lot of the mentality in Kentucky. If you don't dance to my tune — and if you're black — you're gone. We're not going to let that happen."

In Lexington, a KSU alumni group said the feud involved racism.

"You can't talk about KSU and not talk about racism," said Robert Jefferson, a member of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council who spoke as an alumnus.

The fact that most of the regents of the predominantly black university are white, Jefferson said, is partly responsible for the heightened feelings of racism. Five of the board's nine regents are white; Wolfe is black.

Members of the school's alumni association, while acknowledging that Wolfe "has made some mistakes," reaffirmed their support for him and said they thought the conflict could be resolved.

"I wouldn't be here today if I had doubts about him having done something to warrant his resignation," said Leonard Hunt, vice president of the KSU National Alumni Association. "I have faith in him as an administrator."

The alumni were short on specific solutions. Jefferson recommended that the case be taken up by an independent investigator, one that is able to separate fact from "hidden agendas."

Hunt's suggestion was more drastic. "The solution is to remove the board," he said.

Two KSU student leaders also called for the board's resignation yesterday, saying its members were "grasping at straws ... to oust a talented and dedicated educator."

"The chairman has killed any opportunity for innovative leadership by the new president," said Rodney Hardin, a sophomore from Cincinnati and treasurer of the Student Government Association. "Almost every move made by Dr. Wolfe has been scrutinized unnecessarily by this board."

"We feel that these implications have shone a negative light on the image of both our president and our institution."

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KSU students march in support of Wolfe

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Hundreds of Kentucky State University students marched on the state Capitol yesterday in support of President John Wolfe Jr., who has refused the KSU regents' request that he resign.

A group of students also met for nearly an hour with Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who promised to try to arrange a meeting between the chairman of the board of regents, former Gov. Louie Nunn, and Wolfe to give those two an opportunity to resolve their differences.

But Wilkinson rejected a student request that he ask for the resignations of regents who have been at odds with Wolfe over personnel appointments, Wolfe's decision to give himself a raise without the board's approval, and thousands of dollars in improvements at his school-owned home.

"I said I had full faith and confidence in the Kentucky State University board when I appointed them and I have no less now," Wilkinson said.

He also said that he told the students he did not believe "racist motives" were behind any of the board's actions.

Wilkinson, at a late afternoon news conference, ticked off the names of regents John Johnson, Barbara Curry, former Gov. Edward "Ned" Breathitt and Nunn, and said: "That point (about racism) ought to be laid to rest because I thought that was not true, and I thought the majority of people in this commonwealth

who know those individuals would know and understand that is not true."

Several civil-rights leaders have accused Nunn of having racial motives in his dispute with Wolfe.

Many students seemed to be disappointed with the results after student government President Kesha Stone announced Wilkinson's response.

"This has not ended; this is just the beginning," Sandra Bassett, a student government leader told the crowd as they walked away.

Nunn said later yesterday that he was trying to arrange an emergency meeting of the regents Saturday morning. He said the only issue on the agenda was personnel.

"That should cover everything," he said.

Between 800 and 1,000 people, most of them KSU students, took part in the peaceful march, which began at the KSU campus and went up Capital Avenue to the Capitol. The student government association's parade permit said 4,000 people were expected.

Nunn, considered Wolfe's chief critic on the board, was the target of many of the signs and chants during the march.

The students chanted "Don't want Nunn, don't need Nunn" and "We want justice." One of the signs read "Who's president, Wolfe/Nunn?"

In his invocation, the Rev. H. D. Cockerham, pastor of Louisville's Zion Baptist Church, prayed for KSU, which he said "stands on the brink of destruction because of ignorance, because of hatred." He also asked for a special blessing for Wolfe and asked that the president be strengthened and given the courage to "continue the fight."

Nunn was also on the receiving end of criticism as the students waited outside the Capitol while a contingent met with Wilkinson.

Two Louisville-area ministers encouraged the students to continue supporting Wolfe and the historically black school, but also had some sharp words for Nunn.

"Nunn has got to go; we will show him the door," said the Rev. Thurmond Coleman, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jeffersonton.

The Rev. Rudolph Smith of Peace Presbyterian Church in Louisville told the crowd, "Obviously it looks like old man Nunn doesn't know what he's doing and those who put him in there don't know what they're doing."

Wilkinson met with Stone, student Rodney Hardin and student regent Chris Rasheed. Also in the private meeting were the Rev. K. L. Moore, pastor of Frankfort's First Baptist Church, and state Rep. Porter Hatcher, D-Louisville.

Rasheed said the march was organized by KSU's student government and that his participation in the discussion with Wilkinson related to his support of Wolfe. Rasheed noted that Wilkinson promised to try to get Wolfe and the board to work together.

"I hope that can happen because I think the president is the man for the job," Rasheed said.

During his news conference, Wilkinson noted that when he appointed several current KSU regents two years ago, he said that he believed KSU was troubled and that the regents would have an opportunity to save the school. It was then locked in controversy over Raymond Burse, Wolfe's predecessor.

"I still believe that, and I think this board is trying to do precisely that," Wilkinson said.

The governor also said he knew of no plans to alter KSU or turn it into a community college.

"I believe there is no serious move afoot to do anything with Kentucky State University other than to help it accomplish its mission and for it to prosper both academically and administratively," Wilkinson added.

500 march in support of Wolfe

Student protesters ask Wilkinson
to seek KSU board's resignation

By Jonathan Miller

Herald-Staff writer

FRANKFORT — About 500 students and other supporters of Kentucky State University President John Wolfe Jr. walked from the school's west end to the Capitol yesterday to persuade Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to ask the school's regents to resign.

The protest was in response to the regents' request Friday that Wolfe resign. Wolfe has refused to step down.

When the protesters arrived at the Capitol, Wilkinson met for an hour with Kesha Stone, president of the Student Government Association; Chris Rasheed, the student regent; Rodney Hardin, the association's treasurer; the Rev. K.L. Moore; and state Rep. Porter Hatcher, D-Louisville.

"I told them I would not ask the board to resign and that I had full faith in the board," Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson said that the students' advice was valuable but that he thought the board needed time to do its work.

"Wolfe has never been given the opportunity to operate as a president," Hatcher said.

Meanwhile, KSU board chairman Louie B. Nunn said he was trying to arrange a meeting of the board for Saturday.

The board's attorney, William E. Johnson of Frankfort, has drawn up a list of possible charges to support Wolfe's firing for incompetence, neglect of duty or immoral conduct.

The most serious charge was that Wolfe improperly raised his own salary, from \$92,500 to \$101,288. That could constitute felony theft, Johnson said in a Sept. 24 memo to the board. Wolfe said Tuesday that he had refunded the increase.

Other possible charges in the memo included Wolfe's alleged mishandling of personnel problems and "deceiving the board" about a \$100,000 renovation of his house.

Wolfe, who allegedly received death threats during the weekend, did not attend yesterday's protest.

The Rev. Louis Coleman, director of the Justice Resource Center, sent a letter by facsimile machine to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, asking for its help in the death threats against Wolfe. In the letter, Coleman said that past KSU presidents had received similar threats.

When Stone emerged from the meeting with Wilkinson, she told the students that the governor said he would call a meeting with Nunn and Wolfe to resolve the situation.

"I thought (a meeting between Nunn and Wolfe) was a good suggestion," Wilkinson said. "I feel this situation needs to be resolved."

Wilkinson, however, did not say when or where the meeting would be or whether he would arrange it.

Talk of racism hides truth: Nunn is right about Wolfe

A hoary, conservative ex-governor, a Republican, no less, pits himself against a charismatic, black president of the state's historically black university. It's a game that is set up to play only one way.

According to the rules, the ex-governor is a racist. He tries to dominate the black man. The righteous president rebels, calling for help among the students and the black community, to defeat the forces of reaction and save the university from destruction.

This game started in Kentucky early in the summer. The ex-governor is Louie Nunn. The president is John Wolfe Jr. The



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school is Kentucky State University. And the rules . . . well, the rules just don't apply.

Nunn is right; there's no simpler way to say it. Race is involved in the baroque conflict at KSU, sure, just as race is an issue whenever two people of different skin color meet at a water fountain or exchange hellos on the street.

But the story at KSU this fall is one of a president out of control. John Wolfe Jr. has spent money that isn't his. He has refused to satisfy his board of regents (four of the nine are black). He has shown a consuming interest in himself, not the school he was hired to lead. And it is Nunn, the conservative ex-governor, who is trying, in his own old-fashioned way, to set things right.

(Readers should know that Nunn and I are not old buddies. Only last spring, Nunn wrote a letter to this paper about me that

contained five scatological references. But when the codger is right, he's right.)

Right, however, doesn't change the rules of the game. Wolfe is busily grandstanding the situation.

He has used this state's sordid history of race relations to stir up a defense. By intimating that his life has been threatened, Wolfe has even gone so far as to conjure up memories of assassination — of Malcolm X or Martin Luther King — without notifying authorities of any real threat. The imagery is as transparent as it is sickening. Wolfe uses the rules of race to his advantage only.

A little over a year ago, Nunn (and the regents) hired Wolfe as president of KSU. "He responded to questions so candidly and so forcefully and so intelligently," Nunn said at the time, "that when he was finished, I felt like everyone sat there

looking at each other wondering how could we get this man to come here."

Another side of Wolfe was just as visible, however. This is a man who quotes Machiavelli's *The Prince* (the handbook of the despot), a guy who talks about "new orders" and "regimes." This side was the one Wolfe brought to Kentucky.

There were conflicts about personnel from the beginning. And then, there was the tip-off: Wolfe's preoccupation with the trappings of power. The prince wanted a castle — and he turned the president's house into one with \$100,000 in public money. He bought a desk and chair (a \$3,572 throne); a satellite phone (\$4,198) so he can be reached immediately in 200 cities; and a "Posturpedic Ultra Premium Majestic Ultra Plush Pillowtop" mattress (for just under \$1,000). Finally, the regents had enough and asked Wolfe to leave.

The rules of race, however, prevailed. The debate hasn't been over Wolfe, but the history of American race relations. "The board's actions seem to be a ploy of the subtle type of discrimination that has been used to destroy other coalitions of African Americans," said activist Fran Thomas. In 99 cases out of 100, she would be right.

Thomas and the other noble and good-hearted people who have fallen in behind Wolfe ignore the evidence, however. They don't see the regents, black and white, united against Wolfe. They don't acknowledge Wolfe's own cynical use of race to defend his excesses.

And, with their vision clouded by 300 years of hatred and distrust and blood, they don't see that this time, a shambling, rough-talking farmer from conservative southern Kentucky is speaking the truth.

Nunn questioned whether a private meeting between himself and Wolfe would do any good.

Sandra Bassett, spokeswoman for the student association, told students — just as they began grumbling about Stone's message — that the protest had not ended.

"We've got our foot in the door," Bassett said. "And we're not going to stand by until we get our feelings heard."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Federal government is top source of money for college students

Beginning today, *Dear Teacher* moves to the *Thursday Lifestyle* section.

By Marge Eberts
and Peggy Gisler

Question: I plan to enroll in elementary education at the University of Akron in Akron, Ohio, next year. I am interested in finding any scholarships, loans or grants that may be available. Do you have any information about how I should search for money for college?

Answer: The largest source of student aid today is the federal government. It is followed by the states and colleges. It only makes sense to investigate these sources first rather than searching for private scholarships.

You should also look into specific loan programs for prospective

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teachers that the federal government and many states have. If you actually go into teaching, these loans are usually forgiven after several years of teaching. In addition, educational organizations, including state and local parent/teacher groups and professional teacher associations, frequently have scholarships for future teachers.

The easiest way to learn about how and where you can get money for college is to read a book on financial aid. *Don't Miss Out* by Robert and Anna Leider is a good choice because it will show you how to develop your own personal financial-aid strategy. It is available in bookstores and libraries. You can learn about sources of loans and scholarships through the American

Legion book *Need A Lift?* For a copy, send \$2 to The American Legion, National Emblem Sales, Attention: *Need A Lift?*, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, Ind. 46206.

In your search for financial aid, be sure to talk to financial aid administrators at the college you plan to attend. This is important because most of the money you receive will come through this school. Your high school counselor should also have sound advice about how to obtain financial aid as well as a list of local scholarships.

Finally, begin your financial aid search now, as it is a complicated process to find the money you need. And do bring your parents into the process so they can understand what is involved in finding the money you need for college.

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Bill has \$4.5 million for UK science center

WASHINGTON — A House-Senate conferees appropriations bill contains \$4.5 million for the Advanced Science and Technology Commercialization Center at the University of Kentucky, U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford announced yesterday.

"This partnership between federal and state governments, the university and private contributors is an innovative approach to moving technology into the marketplace," Ford, D-Ky., said.

Ford said the House and Senate are expected to consider the measure before the Columbus Day recess.

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KSU board schedules showdown with Wolfe

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — A Monday showdown was set yesterday between the Kentucky State University Board of Regents and embattled President John T. Wolfe Jr.

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, the board's chairman, said only personnel matters would be taken up at the 1 p.m. meeting.

"I don't know what we will say," Nunn said yesterday. "I just hope it will be brief, and I think it will be."

When asked whether the board would decide Wolfe's fate at the university, Nunn said, "I don't know. That's a board decision."

Wolfe, accompanied by a plainclothes campus police officer, refused to answer questions from reporters yesterday after appearing with other Kentucky university presidents at an interim joint meeting of the state Committee on Education in Frankfort.

"No comment on advice of counsel," Wolfe said after each question.

Wolfe has declined interviews all week except for a round of television appearances Tuesday in Louisville. He has not returned several phone calls.

Nunn criticized Wolfe's refusal to answer questions. "He's going on the Sue Wylie show tomorrow afternoon," he said. "What the hell is that if that's not press?"

"That no comment looks like he's got something to hide."

Wolfe is scheduled today to tape a segment of the WLEX-TV "Your Government" show, of which Wylie is the host.

Wolfe and the board have been battling for nearly three months after regents twice refused to approve his slate of top aides. In a meeting Friday, regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration, which was supposed to take place Saturday.

The regents also asked Wolfe to consider resigning after learning that he had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

The board's attorney, William E. Johnson, reportedly has said the unauthorized raise could constitute

theft by deception, a felony. Wolfe said Tuesday that he had refunded the raise.

Wolfe has said he will not step down.

KSU's troubles apparently have attracted national attention. Jesse Jackson might come to Kentucky on Sunday to show support for KSU.

"He's very aware of what's going on down there," said Frank Watkins, a longtime friend of Jackson. "He's concerned about the university."

The Rev. Louis Coleman, a civil rights activist and KSU alumnus, said he took part in a telephone conference call with Jackson, Watkins and several other black leaders yesterday morning. He said Jackson was concerned about KSU, "but that's nothing new."

Coleman said that when former president Raymond Burse went through similar troubles at KSU, Jackson sometimes sent faxes to the regents saying he wanted to make

sure the school kept its heritage and had black presidents.

"We have reached an impasse. (Gov. Wallace Wilkinson) has sought not to do anything," Coleman said. "He told the students that he wanted Nunn and Wolfe to get together to work things out, but he also said that three weeks ago."

Coleman was referring to statements Wilkinson made after a meeting the governor had with students and black leaders who marched to the Capitol on Wednesday.

Coleman said they also were trying to persuade other black leaders, including Benjamin Hooks, director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, to come to KSU.

Jackson, a civil rights leader and former presidential candidate, probably will decide today whether to make the trip, said Watkins.

KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. could not be reached for comment last night.

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Wolfe supporters hoping to bring Jackson to KSU

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — As the fate of Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. moves closer to resolution, a group of state civil rights leaders were trying yesterday to bring the Rev. Jesse Jackson to the Frankfort campus this weekend for a rally to support the embattled president.

KSU regent Chairman Louie B. Nunn has set a 1 p.m. Monday board meeting at which he said he hopes the board will be able to resolve the smoldering, weeks-old controversy.

"I hope all of the problems will be resolved immediately," he said.

A spokesman for Jackson, one of the nation's top civil-rights leaders, said Jackson will decide today if he will come to Kentucky.

"We have been in contact with people down there (in Kentucky) and we've indicated if we are invited in by a representative and broad-based group of people that we'd be inclined to come," Frank Watkins said from Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Louis Coleman of Shelbyville said that he and several other state civil-rights leaders had talked to Jackson yesterday about coming to KSU. But Coleman declined to say whether Jackson had been officially invited to come to the

campus or whether he believed the former Democratic candidate for president would come.

"I think every national leader, and not just Rev. Jackson, who's running a civil-rights organization is concerned about what's happening at this historically black institution," Coleman added.

Watkins said if Jackson does come to KSU, it would be "to put focus on saving the university as an important and invaluable institution with a long history of service and a proud tradition."

KSU's regents and Wolfe have been at odds for several weeks over Wolfe's recommended appointments of top-level administrators, expenditures for renovation of the president's home and Wolfe's decision to give himself a 9.5 percent pay raise without board approval.

The regents sought Wolfe's resignation last Friday, but the president has refused to resign and appears headed for a showdown with board members Monday.

Numerous civil-rights leaders and groups have accused Nunn of racial motives in the dispute with Wolfe, and some of these groups, as well as representatives of KSU's alumni and students, have called for Nunn's resignation. Nunn has denied having such motives, and Gov. Wallace Wilkinson has refused to

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replace him or other board members, most of whom he appointed.

In a news release dated Oct. 2, the Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education lauded Wolfe for his "demonstrated commitment to educational access and equal employment opportunities" and urged the board and Wolfe to reconcile their differences for the good of KSU.

Wolfe, KSU's president since mid-1990, declined to comment on the situation yesterday afternoon as he hurriedly left a legislative committee meeting in the Capitol Annex. "On the advice of counsel, I have no comment," he said.

Nunn declined to say whether he expected the regents to bring administrative charges against Wolfe on Monday, the necessary first step to removing him from office.

"I have always, and I expect to continue, to fulfill my responsibility as chairman of the board, whatever the law dictates," he said. "I feel that I have not, and I do not intend to, shrink therefrom."

State law says a university president may be removed for incompetence, neglect of duty or immoral conduct. In a legal opinion given to the regents' personnel committee last week, board attorney William E. Johnson indicated there were probably grounds for such charges against Wolfe. Johnson's opinion said the pay raise seemed to be the most serious ground — appearing not only to violate his contract but also to constitute the crime of theft by deception.

According to state law, after formal charges are filed against a university president by the school governing board's president, the university president has 10 days to respond and an opportunity to defend himself before the board, with or without legal counsel. The board has complete authority to fire a president.

Nunn, a lawyer, acknowledged that he must proffer any charges against Wolfe, but he said he assumed that meant with the approval of other board members. He said he could not speak for other regents, but added that the proffering of any charges would be "a board decision."

Nunn said he also expects the board on Monday to resolve the impasse on appointment or reappointment of the other top KSU officials. The board has declined twice to affirm Wolfe's personnel recommendations.

Wolfe has contended that he has done nothing wrong. He says the issue of the pay raise — which he has returned — has been misunderstood and is part of the personnel impasse between him and the regents.

The president has also charged that some of the criticism is "character assassination" and that attacks against him are an effort to destroy KSU.

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University presidents tell panel they support reform

Staff, wire reports

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's university presidents told a legislative panel yesterday that their schools are committed to the 1990 Kentucky Education Reform Act, but one lawmaker said he was not sure of their support.

Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, said he hoped the presidents' comments were more than "lip service."

"We're still not sure whether you are going to produce what you should," Barrows told the presidents during an interim joint meeting of the Committee on Education.

The presidents informed the legislative panel of their involvement in the reform act, enacted after the Kentucky Supreme Court in 1989 declared the state's public school system unconstitutional. A 1990 legislative resolution directed the presidents and the Council on Higher Education to come up with a plan to assist in the improvement of Kentucky schools.

Most of the presidents described how their education colleges were informing new teachers about school reform. Some mentioned various workshops and seminars for faculty and area school personnel to explain the new program.

Northern Kentucky University President Leon E. Boothe said that his school was committed to education reform but that it had created a financial strain because of an increase in student enrollment.

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Universities pledge support for law

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky's university presidents pledged support yesterday for the 1990 education initiatives but lawmakers said they will want proof.

Each of the eight state universities presented its efforts on behalf of the education reform law and promised to do more.

"There's not any hesitation on behalf of the presidents" in support of the reforms, said Thomas Meredith, Western Kentucky University president and chairman of the council of presidents.

Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, said legislators have a big stake in the 1990 bill and want to make sure the universities are not just paying lip service to the initiatives in elementary and secondary schools in order to get more money from the General Assembly.

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A sampling of recent articles of interest to Morehead State University

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More than 100 seek Morehead presidency

By Todd Pack

Northeastern Kentucky bureau

MOREHEAD — The name of Morehead State University's next president is probably somewhere in the stack of 164 resumes and nominations sent in before yesterday's deadline.

MSU Regent Wayne Martin, the head of the search committee, declined to say whether any of the school's administrators applied. President C. Nelson Grote will retire June 30.

The committee began running a want ad Aug. 16 in Kentucky newspapers and national higher education journals, including one publication aimed at minorities, said Keith Kappes, vice president for university advancement.

Martin said the committee received 164 applications or nominations.

Ten nominees refused to send resumes, he said, and 36 did not respond when notified. That leaves 118 "active applicants," Martin said.

"The quality of these individuals is quite high," said Bill Funk of the Chicago-based consulting firm Heidrick & Struggles Inc.

The MSU Board of Regents at its meeting yesterday voted to pay the firm \$47,400 for helping the school find a new

president. The firm will get a \$30,000 fee plus \$17,400 for other expenses and flying in job candidates.

The firm is expected to recommend about 20 candidates to the search committee by Nov. 1.

Martin said the committee will whittle that to six finalists by Dec. 13. The full board will name Grote's replacement by March 2.

In other action, the regents:

- Approved MSU's request for state money for 1992 through 1994.

The university wants \$45.9 million for the 1992-93 school year and \$52.9 million for 1993-94.

MSU got \$34.4 million from the state for the 1991-92 school year.

The No. 1 construction project listed in the proposal is \$4.1 million to renovate Lappin Hall, the science building.

- Swore in four new regents: Lois Baker, executive director of the Mountain Comprehensive Health Corp. in Whitesburg; T.T. Colley, a Pikeville businessman; and Tim Francis, a Bardstown senior who will be student regent.

They replaced J. Calvin Aker, G. Duane Hart and Jerry F. Howell Sr., whose terms had expired. The previous student regent, Chris Hart, graduated in May.

- Elected Martin vice chairman of the board.

Regent Charles Wheeler had nominated faculty regent Alban Wheeler for the post. They are not related.

Alban Wheeler declined the nomination after Chairman William Seaton nominated Martin, MSU's head basketball coach for nine seasons until 1987.

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MSU searchers begin process

By JIM ROBINSON

OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — A committee trying to find a new president for Morehead State University met for the first time Friday to begin reviewing applications.

The university had received 164 nominations and applications by Friday's deadline, according to Wayne Martin, search committee chairman.

Of those 164, 46 either declined the nomination or did not respond, leaving a pool of 118 active applications.

During a nearly seven-hour meeting Friday, the committee narrowed the field to a "focus" group of candidates. Martin declined to identify the number of candidates in the focus group. He did say, however, that no current MSU personnel or administrators were in the group of 118.

"The committee will now begin to seek additional information, while continuing its review of all candidates' applications," he said.

The group is seeking a successor for President C. Nelson Grote, who will retire at the end of June.

"The search is progressing very well, very smoothly," said R. William Funk, a representative from the executive search firm MSU has hired to assist in the process.

"Not only are there good numbers of people who are responding, and responding positively and enthusiastically, but also the quality of these individuals is quite high," he said.

Except for saying that a larger percentage of the applicants had Southern backgrounds, Martin declined to characterize the pool, including the number of applicants from Kentucky.

Martin said before Friday's meeting that he expected the committee to trim the number

of candidates to a pool of 15 to 25 by Nov. 1.

Martin also said the committee would continue to accept and review additional applications.

"If we were to receive an application or our recruiter ... is able to attract someone or someone's circumstances change in the next two months before we're in a conclusive process, we're not going to tie our hands up and go by some policy," Martin said.

The next meeting of the search committee will be a working luncheon at noon Nov. 13 at the Adron Doran University Center.

Six finalists will be selected by Dec. 13, Martin said. The full board will name Grote's replacement by March 2.

Martin said a "significant" number of the present applications were received through the efforts of Funk's firm, Heidrick & Struggles Inc. of Dallas.

MSU is paying the firm \$47,400 for its help in the search.

"Now's the beginning of a new stage," said Martin. "We have our applicants now, and we are beginning to narrow them into the most qualified pool or the most desirable pool."

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Plan to renovate 2 dorms stirs controversy

By JIM ROBINSON
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — A Morehead State University regent Friday criticized the university for lack of foresight in deciding to renovate two closed dormitories.

Alban Wheeler, the faculty representative on the board of regents, called the decision to renovate Mays and Butler halls a "misplacement of priorities," but voted to support the \$5.8 million project.

Wheeler said he'd prefer to see the money spent on refurbishing residence halls that are already open.

Wheeler's reservations about the project came less than a week before the construction contract for the project is expected to be awarded.

Wheeler based his criticism on enrollment projections that he believes don't support the need for more student housing on campus.

Fall enrollment grew only 1.5 percent at MSU after several years of record enrollment growth.

Wheeler said the pool of high school seniors from which the university recruits will remain largely unchanged

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Alban Wheeler

for at least the next five years.

"It seems to me that there's too much guesswork in planning the renovation of Mays Hall when we are probably not going to have any more students than we have right now," Wheeler said. "I hope I'm wrong ... (but) I think it's a misplacement of priorities for us to spend this kind of money on buildings."

MSU President C. Nelson Grote defended the project, saying that while student housing is filled to just under capacity, the university needs more housing to "be able to provide the diversity of housing that we really need to offer."

Estimates are that MSU is still 250 beds short of being able to place resident advisers

MSU acts to acquire property

By JIM ROBINSON
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University took the unusual step Friday of condemning some property it's trying to acquire in order to construct an addition to its science building.

The board of regents voted unanimously to condemn property next to Lappin Hall, belonging to the estate of Oscar F. Patrick. The university and the Patrick family failed to reach agreement

on a price for the half-acre tract.

MSU's latest offer was \$202,300.

Porter Dailey, vice president of administration and fiscal services, said the university was unable to find another instance in which it used its condemnation powers to acquire property.

Creed Patrick, Oscar Patrick's son and the administrator of his father's estate, said Friday he plans to fight MSU's action. He declined further comment.

Oscar Patrick's widow,

Mary, who lives in a house on the property, said, "Of course I don't like it."

She, too, declined to comment further.

MSU had offered Mrs. Patrick a life estate as part of the purchase. That would allow her to continue to live in the house, which would not be disturbed by the addition.

President C. Nelson Grote said MSU will continue to allow Mrs. Patrick to remain even after the university acquires the property, although the offer would not be a formal part of the purchase.

The Patricks will have one more opportunity to accept the university's offer before formal condemnation proceedings begin.

The Lappin Hall addition is projected to cost \$9.1 million.

Asked if MSU plans to routinely use its condemnation power to facilitate its expansion plans, Grote said "only when it is necessary for a major building."

"We've made the decision that we will not condemn property for parking," he said.

in private rooms again and provide some private and semi-private rooms for students, Grote said.

"This is a project that needs to go forward," he said.

Wheeler said he also was concerned about the university's ability to pay the annual debt service in light of projected budget shortfalls at both the state and university level. The project will cost \$600,000 a year over the next 20 years.

State revenues are projected

to fall \$157 million short of budget next year, and higher education appears to be the most likely target for cuts, Wheeler said.

"The next biennium is not going to be a good biennium for us budgetwise," he said.

Grote said revenues at MSU will fall \$820,000 short of projections because enrollment is about 300 students short of university estimates.

"There's every reason to believe you've got a revenue stream that will be adequate

to pay off these bonds without it being a burden," he said.

The housing project will provide another 160 beds, mostly miniature apartments with kitchenettes and private baths. The halls will be open next fall.

Grote said the housing would be "the most desirable on campus."

He also said it was a little late to be reconsidering the project.

"We are at the end of the runway if not off (it) on this

project," he said.

Wheeler's comments came as the board of regents prepared to vote to approve the sale of \$6.7 million in bonds to finance the project.

The regents approved the sale unanimously.

Despite his reservations, Wheeler said he voted to support the project because "we have gone so far in the process that it would be embarrassing and perhaps damage us with agencies in Frankfort" not to approve it.

Wilkinson recognizes budget gap

Governor reviews accomplishments of administration, criticizes media

By Mark R. Chellgren

Associated Press

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said yesterday he expected a budget shortfall this year and warned there could be similar problems in the next two years.

Wilkinson said that if revenues fell about \$150 million short of projections this year, no drastic cuts would be required.

"It will be manageable for this fiscal year," Wilkinson said.

Of more concern is the likelihood that there will be smaller than expected tax receipts in the coming two years. He said revenue could fall as much as \$30 million short of projected spending each year.

Wilkinson declined to get into a debate about what that means for his successor.

"If we believe that education reform is the top priority, then yes, we can afford it," Wilkinson said. "But choices will have to be made."

Wilkinson made his remarks in Lexington at the annual state gathering of newspaper executives sponsored by The Associated Press. He also told the assembled publishers and editors they had not given his administration enough credit during his term.

Wilkinson challenged anyone to compare the accomplishments of his administration against any measure.

"We have made mistakes, but we have been audited, examined, we've been probed, we've been analyzed, we've been scrutinized and the record will speak for itself," he said. "I'll gladly stand the record of this administration against any measure of performance that anyone would like to subject it to."

Wilkinson said his administration has performed in the areas of economic development, education, environment, prison construction, infrastructure building and many others.

When he began discussing those topics during his campaign in 1987, Wilkinson said he was ignored or scoffed at.

"Most of the time, the media don't want to talk about issues, they want to talk about politics and controversy," he said.

Wilkinson said he fashioned the debate on those important topics and led the way on the discussion that led to school reform.

He noted there was near-universal criticism of him on editorial pages for refusing to support education initiatives from 1987. But Wilkinson said that refusal prompted the restructuring of schools that is now almost universally praised on those same pages.

Although he was often blasted for refusing to compromise and go along, Wilkinson said his intransigence was purposeful.

"Had we tried to develop consensus, we would never have an opportunity to come out with something," he said.

Efforts by his administration on environmental management, construction of roads, bridges and water lines has gone virtually unnoticed. He boasted about his efforts to reform the state's finances, even with the effects of the national recession now being felt.

"By any measure we're better off financially than we were four years ago," Wilkinson said.

He presided over record increases in funding for elementary and secondary education, higher education and a restoration of the state's credit rating.

"Without exception, given the amount of time a governor has ... we've accomplished what I hoped to accomplish," Wilkinson said.

His fights with the General Assembly and often harsh public image was all part of a plan, Wilkinson said.

"The General Assembly was poised and set to run right over me," he said. "Only by ratcheting the controversy up to a new level, did I make them understand how bad it could be."

Wilkinson said that when history looks back on his term it will have to be kind.

"Our methods may not have been graceful, but the results were fine," he said.

By KENNETH ESKEY
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

Scores on the ACT, a college-entrance exam popular in the Midwest and South, held steady this year and more students said they had taken college-prep courses during their high-school careers.

The average ACT score, compiled from tests taken by nearly 800,000 graduating seniors in the Class of 1991, was 20.6 out of a possible total of 36, according to a report issued recently by American College Testing in Iowa City. Ivy League and other top colleges require prospective students to get an ACT score between 27 and 31. The next rank of selective colleges would require a score between 22 and 27.

Scores on the ACT have averaged 20.6 for three consecutive years, while scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test — more commonly given on the East and West coasts — have dropped for four consecutive years, reaching their lowest level since 1983.

ACT President Richard Ferguson said that 51 percent of the 1991 graduates had taken a pre-college curriculum in high school, up from only 38 percent in the class of 1987. A college-prep curriculum generally includes four years of English and three years each of mathematics, social studies and natural sciences. Graduates who took this core curriculum averaged 22.1 on the ACT, three points higher than the 19.1 average for students who did not.

"Students who take a rigorous program of core courses in high school typically outperform those who do not — both on the ACT assessment and in college," Ferguson said. Asian Americans scored highest on the exam, an average of 21.6 this year. Two-thirds had taken precollege courses in high school. Males averaged 20.9 on the ACT, females 20.4. Males tended to do better on the mathematics and scientific reasoning sections of the three-hour exam. Females did better on the English section.

Black students and American Indians have shown the greatest improvement in ACT scores over the past five years, but they continue to have the lowest scores among the various ethnic groups. Average scores this year were 21.6 for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; 21.3 for whites; 19.3 for Puerto Ricans, Cubans and other Hispanics; 18.4 for Mexican Americans; 18.2 for American Indians and Alaskan natives, and 17.0 for blacks.

The proportion of exam takers who come from racial and ethnic minorities has risen from 13.9 percent in 1987 to 17.3 percent in 1991. Test scores are closely related to family income. Students from families earning less than \$18,000 a year averaged 18.6 on the test, while those from families earning more than \$36,000 averaged 21.7.

Students who plan to become teachers averaged 20.0. Students planning to major in physics averaged 26.9, chemistry majors, 24.1; math majors, 24.0; language majors, 23.0, and pre-engineering, 22.9.

Scores on college entrance exam unchanged

ACT was 20.6; more students take the tests

ACT SCORES averaged 20.6 for three consecutive years; scores on the SAT, more common on the East and West coasts, have dropped for four consecutive years, hitting the lowest level since 1983.

Japanese save small-town U.S. college as East, West merge

Two years after Teikyo University bought a tiny West Virginia school, its town is perfectly cozy with its changed image.

By Ellen Uzelac
The Baltimore Sun

SALEM, W.Va. — When the annual apple butter festival opens in this tiny Appalachian town this month, revelers will find many familiar standbys: an apple pie bake-off, quilt show and contest for the longest squirrel tail.

But they will encounter two new entries that have nothing to do with the traditions of the community and everything to do with its future: displays of origami and demonstrations of Japanese martial arts.

Ever since the 103-year-old Salem College took its new name — Salem-Teikyo University — East has merged with West in this most unlikely of places.

In the first full-fledged merger of Japanese and American colleges, Teikyo University bought tiny Salem College for \$12 million two years ago, saving the community's largest employer from financial collapse. Half of the 600 students now are Japanese.

"Honey, anymore, nobody thinks anything about it," said Mayor Donna Stewart. "The way a lot of folks here have come to look at it, without the Japanese there might not be a Salem."

Almost from the beginning, this rural community of 2,700 in north-central West Virginia has rolled out the red carpet: The grocery store stocks a few Japanese foods next to the taco shells and chop suey in its "international aisle."

The liquor store invested in a case of sake, though proprietor David Taylor was disappointed to discover later that the Japanese prefer "bourbon and Bud." And the new telephone book has at least one listing in Japanese: an insurance salesman.

Long way from Tokyo

Still, Salem — with its three blocks of a mostly boarded-up downtown — has come as something of a shock to the Japanese students, most of whom grew up in Tokyo, a dynamic city with six times as many residents as the whole of West Virginia.

Accustomed to a faster pace, the Japanese, most of them men, find themselves 120 miles from the closest city — Pittsburgh or Charleston, W.Va. — and 15 miles from the closest shopping mall or movie theater.

"America is totally different from my stereotype," said Akira Itoh, 21, who dates a 20-year-old student from New Jersey who calls him "Honey-san." "It's not like the movies. It's very countryside."

Salem College, which has a prominent place on Main Street near the Dairy Queen, was the first of five small American colleges purchased by Teikyo University as an educational experiment to promote world peace and further understanding between the United States and Japan. The other institutions, all independently operated, are in Le Mars, Iowa; Davenport, Iowa; Waterbury, Conn.; and Denver.

Future leaders of Japan

Ultimately, according to Salem-Teikyo University president Ronald E. Ohl, the college here hopes to produce future leaders of Japanese corporations who will integrate their understanding of the United States into their companies and their communities.

"In America, we have Japan-bashing and in Japan, we have America-bashing," said Ohl, who became president of the liberal arts college in 1983. "These are two very, very different cultures. We're not trying to make Americans out of Japanese or Japanese out of Americans. What we're hoping is that by their mixing will come an understanding that won't be accomplished in any other way. Our focus is to try to bridge the Pacific."

Language barrier

Before they can bridge the Pacific, the Japanese must learn to speak English, and that, as it turns

out, has presented the university with its greatest challenge. "Obviously, the experiment won't work if they don't speak English," said Anitta Ward, who heads the department of English as a Second Language.

During their first year on campus, the Japanese must work exclusively on their language skills, a process that can be painfully slow and frustrating. In addition to learning proper English, students are taught how to "talk American" — Howyadoin? Whaddyaknow? Howjadothat?

As remedies, the administration is considering creating English-only floors in residence halls and demanding that only English be spoken in academic buildings.

Connie Davidson, 18, and Takashi Adachi, 20, found their own remedy: romance. "At first, we didn't understand each other," said Davidson, a high school senior from Salem who will join the Army Reserves after graduation. "We had to write everything down, and carry a dictionary around. But now, he speaks really well."

To the surprise of the college and the community, there has been little anti-Japanese sentiment expressed here. Early on, anti-Japanese graffiti appeared in a few of the men's bathrooms on campus, and one day a man at the Dairy Queen pushed ahead of several Japanese students, telling them they did not belong in Salem.

But, as Tish Dunkle, 18, a high school senior, puts it: "The world is changing. We need unity instead of separation. This is a small town with small-town attitudes. But when the Japanese came, it opened our minds."

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EKU gets grant to continue health project

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University has received a three-year, \$418,659 federal grant to provide an advanced emergency medical care certificate program to rural areas of Eastern Kentucky.

The grant, from the Department of Health and Human Services, will allow EKU's Department of Medical Services Technology to expand its role as the state's only provider of an ongoing paramedic program. First-year funding totals \$219,734.

Rural Eastern Kentucky has been identified as having a critical lack of trained paramedics. In the program's target area, nine rural counties surrounding Manchester, there are now only four paramedics. The new program will identify and recruit the 414 emergency medical technicians into an advanced paramedic curriculum.

Jesse Jackson to address KSU students about turmoil

Staff, wire reports

FRANKFORT — Jesse Jackson will appear on the Kentucky State University campus today to talk to students about the future of the historically black school. Jackson's appearance will be at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium of the university's theater center, Bradford Hall. Civil rights leaders who support embattled KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. said Jackson would offer encouragement to students. The school's governing board last week canceled Wolfe's inauguration, which was to have been conducted yesterday. A showdown between Wolfe and the regents is expected Monday at a special board meeting.

KSU refunding insurance fee

Herald-Leader staff report

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University announced yesterday that any student who paid the health insurance fee can get a refund or a credit reduction.

Students must notify the controller in the KSU business office or the director of the health center by Monday of their wish.

For more information, students should call Mary Fields at the KSU Betty White Health Center, (502) 227-6271.

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Black, liberal energies being wasted at KSU

Editor's Note: Garrett has declared a moratorium on further commentary on the Kentucky governor's race in this space. The self-imposed ban will remain in effect until at least one of the candidates says or does something worth writing about.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Jesse Jackson's scheduled arrival in Kentucky today only underscores how the burning issues of this political season all involve the touchy subject of race: The Kentucky State University flap. The proposal to end compulsory busing of elementary-school kids in Jefferson County. The nomination of Clarence Thomas to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court. A looming presidential campaign in which racial quotas are expected to replace Willie Horton.

Nationally, the Democrats, cowardly and confused, won't talk about race; and the Republicans don't have to. (They just let race relations fester, and sit back and count middle-class white Democrats' votes.) In Kentucky, the debate is even more strait-jacketed. The state has so few blacks and liberals that the Democrats don't have to be appreciably different from Republicans, and aren't. The governing ethos is to sweep untidy racial messes under the rug, if they can't be ignored altogether.

So it is dispiriting to see black and liberal energies, meager as they are, wasted in the unworthy cause of saving KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. from a dismissal he through folly, has brought upon himself.

Yes, the deliverer of Wolfe's pink slip is KSU regents Chairman Louie Nunn, who used race-baiting tactics in the 1963 governor's race and who, despite a fairly benign 1967-71 tenure as governor, is no lion of the cause of equality in this country. But just because Nunn's fingerprints are all over the pink slip doesn't mean it isn't deserved.

As most readers know, Wolfe unilaterally gave himself a 9.5 percent pay raise. He spent about \$100,000 remodeling the president's home. But the main reasons he's history, after only 15 months in the state, are

1) He's let himself be led around by KSU vice president Chuck Lambert, who had the dubious distinction of briefly running the state Finance Department during the halcyon, grand-jury-corruption-probe days of former Gov. Julian Carroll; and ex-KSU president Raymond Burse, who's out to get the regents who ran Burse off a few years ago. 2) He's helped keep the lid on the secret records of the KSU Foundation, which, as everybody in Frankfort suspects, contain the goods on how top KSU administrators have lived like kings for years.

It's understandable that many blacks see KSU, founded in 1886 when state law banned blacks from going to other colleges, as the last institution they can call their own. They see it slipping away, as the student body and faculty have become majority-white. And most whites don't appreciate the pride extant from KSU's all-black days, when it took the scraps from the white folks' table and made quite a meal.

But Wolfe's demagoguery and appeals to such pride can't mask the facts: The school is poorly administered. It has 42 top-level administrators, or one for every three teachers. There has to be something wrong

when the last three presidents not only ran afoul of the regents, but the faculty. KSU doesn't attract enough black students (1,125) to be justifiable as an all-black, state-supported institution, even if that were desirable. And the University of Kentucky certainly does not want to annex it as a community college.

KSU needs a housecleaning at the top, not resegregation at the bottom. For Jesse Jackson to waste his eloquence and for hundreds of black students to waste their shoe leather in defense of fat-cat KSU administrators is a crying shame.

The protesters ought to go to Jefferson County, camp out on the doorstep of Superintendent Donald Ingwerson and demand better schools, not better P.R. — and certainly not a return to segregated neighborhood schools.

Ingwerson has proposed an end to forced busing of elementary-school students next fall, citing new school-reform requirements and urging that students be

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Wolfe tells faculty, staff that he's eager for controversy to end

By **RICHARD WILSON**
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — As Kentucky State University prepares for a visit tomorrow from civil-rights leader Jesse Jackson, President John T. Wolfe Jr. told the school's faculty and staff yesterday that he eagerly awaits resolution of the controversy over his presidency.

"I look forward to the moment when all of this is behind us and we are again totally focused on the educational mission of Kentucky State University," Wolfe told the group of about 150 in his first public remarks since the controversy began weeks ago.

Wolfe also complimented the group for their "dedication and conscientiousness" amid the turmoil.

"There has been a cloud over the university for several months now, and I know it's had to have affected you," he added. Wolfe said he was committed to resolving the dispute with the school's regents, although he gave no hint of how he would do so.

"Fundamentally, the issue is not about John T. Wolfe Jr. It's about Kentucky State University. I recognize that and I hope that you do. I hope that you clearly do. It's about the well-being and preservation of what you worked so hard to help maintain," Wolfe said.

The president immediately left the session and was not available for questions.

Jackson will be in Bradford Hall auditorium at 8:30 a.m. He will offer students encouragement about the future of the historically black university, groups of black ministers said yesterday at news conferences in Louisville and Lexington.

Wolfe and the regents have been at odds over his recommended appointments of top-level administrators, the cost of renovating the president's home and his decision to raise his pay 9.5 percent without the regents' approval, which is required.

Last Friday, the regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration, which would have been today. A showdown between Wolfe and the regents is expected at a special board meeting Monday.

Faculty and staff were screened by a metal detector as they filed into the Bradford Hall auditorium to hear Wolfe yesterday. Wolfe, who was allegedly the target of a death threat last weekend, apologized for

bribed (at \$500 a year) into volunteering for continued busing. The plan has divided Louisville's black leaders, largely along generational lines. Old civil-rights warriors are appalled, while some younger leaders whose children have borne the brunt of busing, favor the plan.

Again, the nostalgia of some blacks for the all-black schools of yore is understandable. But one regrettable, inexorable law of American life is that the money always will follow the white students. The 1940s faculty of Central High will never be reconstituted. (Too many doors other than teaching are open to well-educated blacks.) Only poor whites will volunteer to be bused. We'd re-segregate along class, if not racial, lines.

What a foolish gamble. If it doesn't work, does anybody believe that Ingwerson and his white overlords downtown would reimpose busing? And does anybody think a Supreme Court with Clarence Thomas on it or a White House with George Bush in it ever would force Louisville through a repeat of 1975?

the detector's use. "I feel I need to take precautions and I will stay with that," he said.

Faculty senate President Alan Moore said most professors agree that the controversy needs to be settled soon. "A number of faculty feel that the board is going to take some definitive action, such as removing (Wolfe)," Moore added.

For the board to follow that course, regents' Chairman Louie B. Nunn would have to present formal administrative charges against Wolfe. Nunn has said that the entire board, and not just him, would determine whether charges are brought.

Nunn drew more fire yesterday from representatives of several state civil-rights groups and some KSU alumni who charged that his involvement in a KSU auditing contract was illegal. The group released a copy of a letter they sent to the state's two U.S. attorneys and to state Attorney General Fred Cowan requesting an investigation of that and two other charges.

The letter said the group believed that Nunn pressured Wolfe to sign the 1989-90 auditing contract and that Nunn had violated Wolfe's civil rights "in a very gross manner."

Joseph Whittle, U.S. attorney for Kentucky's Western District, said that his office would investigate the charges if the group can back up its claims. "First of all, I have to have some facts of unlawful activities that occurred in the Western District of Kentucky," he said.

Karen Caldwell, Whittle's counterpart in the Eastern District, which includes Frankfort, would neither confirm nor deny that she had received the letter.

A spokesman for Cowan said his office had not received the letter.

Nunn, whose resignation at KSU has been sought by several civil-rights groups, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Information for this story was also gathered by The Associated Press.

KSU faculty to consider voting on Wolfe

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

The Kentucky State University Faculty Senate will decide Monday whether to take a vote of confidence in the school's embattled president, John T. Wolfe Jr.

Senate President Alan Moore said the meeting was scheduled for 3 p.m., two hours after the board of regents plans to discuss Wolfe's presidency and other personnel matters.

Wolfe met with faculty and staff members yesterday morning and told them he was pleased that everyone was showing up at work and doing their jobs, Moore said.

About 200 of the school's 850 instructors went to the meeting. Moore said many did not attend because they were offended by campus police officers checking people with metal detectors at the door.

Moore declined to speculate whether Wolfe would be fired at Monday's regents meeting. But he said most faculty members thought the president would be fired.

The showdown could be the end to a 3-month-old conflict between Wolfe and the board, which twice

refused to approve his slate of top administrators.

Last week, regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration — which was scheduled for today — and asked him to resign. Regents acted after learning that Wolfe had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

Wolfe could not be reached for comment yesterday. He also canceled an appearance on the WLEX-TV "Your Government" show. Host Sue Wylie said Wolfe canceled on the advice of his attorney.

Also yesterday, Lexington ministers called a morning press conference to formally announce that civil rights leader Jesse Jackson will come to Frankfort on Sunday. He was invited by the KSU Student Government Association.

A campus rally has tentatively been scheduled for 8:30 a.m., but organizers have not picked a location. Other activities were being planned yesterday.

"Reverend Jackson coming in will energize us," said P.G. Peoples, executive director of the Urban

League. "When you're involved in a struggle like this, there are tendencies for people to feel along the way that we're losing the battle."

Peoples used Republican gubernatorial candidate Larry Hopkins as an example. "When Larry Hopkins was concerned about where his campaign was going, he brought George Bush in to energize his campaign."

The ministers made it clear, though, that Jackson will not come to Kentucky to drum up support for Wolfe.

"He is concerned about the preservation of the institution," said the Rev. G.H. Childs. "We want to get the focus off of Dr. Wolfe at this point."

"We are concerned about black institutions. (People) not only here in Kentucky, but over the nation, are trying to do away with black institutions."

The ministers also announced that buses would take people to the rally. They will leave from the Shiloh Baptist Church on Fifth Street in Lexington at 7:45 a.m. Sunday.

Regena Thomas, spokeswoman for Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition, said Jackson would not charge any fee nor accept any honorarium for appearing at KSU.

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Kentucky State's real challenge

Wolfe is finished, but the real work has yet to begin

Let's begin with the easy part. John Wolfe Jr. has no future as president of Kentucky State University.

Wolfe has ignored university policies in order to give himself a raise, and he has skirted state law while running up the bill for renovating the president's home. No president of a public university could function effectively after those facts became known, and Wolfe is no exception.

So when the Kentucky State board meets on Monday, its members almost certainly will seek Wolfe's resignation. If they don't get it, they will fire him. But then comes the hard part: repairing the damage to Kentucky State and making it into an institution true to both its past and present missions.

Repairing the damage won't be easy. Wolfe's claims that Chairman Louie Nunn and other regents are motivated by racial bias have opened old wounds at Kentucky State, which was for years the only public university open to black citizens of this state.

Many black citizens treasure Kentucky State for its contributions in those days, and Wolfe cynically has played on those feelings by raising fears that the board wants to turn the school into a community college. Clearly, his hope is to turn support for Kentucky State into support for his presidency.

There's no evidence that the board has such an intention. And anyway, the federal desegregation order covering all state universities would make it difficult to close Kentucky State or reduce its status.

No, the real task facing Kentucky State's leaders is more difficult than staving off such a threat, real or imagined. The real job is figuring how to turn Kentucky State into a functioning, multicultural, public university.

Kentucky State is no longer a predominantly black university, nor will it ever be again. It is an institution divided, as evidenced by Wolfe's tactics and by the recent emergence of a second, mostly white, student government organization.

There is every reason for Kentucky State to value and embrace its heritage as a beacon of opportunity for black Kentuckians. But at the same time, the university must — like all public universities in Kentucky — work continually to provide improved education and promote tolerance, understanding and harmony among a diverse campus community.

That was the job facing John Wolfe when the board hired him, and it was a daunting task in the best of situations. It will be even more daunting for whoever succeeds Wolfe as president.

Jackson urges prayer for Wolfe

KSU board asked to hold open meeting

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Rev. Jesse Jackson called yesterday for a massive, peaceful prayer vigil when the Kentucky State University board of regents meets on the campus today to decide whether to try to fire President John T. Wolfe Jr.

The civil-rights leader and former presidential candidate also urged the regents to decide Wolfe's fate in public instead of going behind closed doors.

Jackson's stirring 40-minute speech was frequently broken by applause from the nearly all-black audience in the campus auditorium. He said that KSU, like all historically black colleges, is needed. "This school majors in hope. It majors in picking up those rejected stones and polishing them and making them cornerstones. It majors in getting the slow starters and late-bloomers."

Jackson said he believes the simmering dispute between Wolfe and the regents "is within the realm of resolution if there is the will to do so."

He said that he talked to regent Chairman Louie B. Nunn earlier yesterday by telephone for about 20 minutes and that he urged the former governor to seek a harmonious solution.

"He has a point of view about the argument, but then there are counterarguments to that," Jackson said. "But the more you argue, the further you get away from the original

point, which is to educate the children, protect (KSU) and the integrity of its administration."

Nunn said later that he had no problem with a prayer vigil during today's meeting. "I invite prayer," he said.

He said all regent meetings are open to the public, even though they also meet privately on matters allowed by state law. "The board will determine how we will conduct our meetings. That's our prerogative," Nunn added.

"We are aware of circumstances and conditions that perhaps Rev. Jackson may not be aware of ... and we do not feel that we have any obligation to yield to the wishes of the Rev. Jackson, but we appreciate his advice."

KSU's regents and Wolfe, the school's president since July 1990, have been locked in an impasse over the president's selection of top administrators, disagreement over expenses to renovate the president's home and a 9.5 percent pay raise that Wolfe gave himself without the regents' approval. Wolfe has returned the pay raise, but the regents' attorney has prepared a list of possible charges that the board may bring against him today as a first step toward dismissal.

The controversy escalated late last month when the regents asked Wolfe to resign and canceled his inauguration, which had been scheduled for this past Saturday. The president has refused to step down.

Jackson was invited to KSU by the school's student government and by some state civil rights leaders who believe the university is under siege and headed for alteration by state authorities.

Jackson said KSU's mission "is to reach in dark places where there has been no light, and bring warmth in cold places where there is no heat." While noting that blacks now can legally attend schools such as the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky, he said their mission — unlike KSU's — "is not to reach back and take the charred remains and scarred bodies of descendants of slavery and discrimination, and then lift them, to make them competitive."

KSU's mission, he added, "is not measured by the size of its budget or its endowment. It's measured by its commitment to do an unusual thing — teach those said to be unreachable and reach those said to be unteachable."

As for Wolfe's dispute with the regents, Jackson said he hoped board members today "will show a spirit of moving from the battleground to the common ground."

"This issue is not about some room in some house ... or salary recommendations. We're not talking about taking state money and building some house in the Bahamas. We're not talking about stealing. Reasonable men and women must sit around a common table behind closed doors and come out on one accord," he said.

Later, however, Jackson called for today's meeting to be public. "We don't do well in closed-door meetings. If the rules are made open and public, we can win. We don't do so well when the doors are closed," he said.

Wolfe, asked later whether he also wants the meeting to be public,

responded: "I hope this issue is resolved as Rev. Jackson has suggested. I hope this issue is resolved in a fair and amicable way."

Wolfe and his wife, Mary, received standing applause when they entered the crowded Bradford Hall auditorium while KSU national alumni President Vincent Bakeman was berating the regents. Bakeman paused while the Wolfes marched down an aisle, pausing to shake hands with and hug supporters, before moving to the stage.

Bakeman, of Chicago, said criticism of Wolfe was based on innuendo and had no validity. "It's very clear to me this board doesn't give a damn about Kentucky State University. I'm tired of people who don't care about this university, who make every attempt to discredit its students, its graduates and its administrators," he said.

Later, at Jackson's urging, dozens of people marched to the front of the auditorium to hand Bakeman checks, cash and pledges for a Wolfe legal defense fund. About a dozen people heeded Jackson's call for \$500 contributions, and then more and more came as contributions suggested by Jackson were gradually reduced. "Put your money where your mouth is and folks will know we're not playing," he said.

In urging the "massive, disciplined" prayer vigil at today's board session, Jackson also said he hoped "that a sense of prayer and God's conscientiousness will permeate the meeting."

"I hope these matters can be resolved with the president. I hope that the date for his inauguration can be re-established. I hope the board of regents can be here for that occasion," Jackson said, "and I plan to be here myself."

Jackson offers to negotiate dispute at KSU

Civil-rights leader begins collection for Wolfe's defense fund

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — Civil-rights leader Jesse Jackson said yesterday he was available to mediate the dispute between John T. Wolfe Jr., Kentucky State University's embattled president, and the school's board of regents.

Jackson, appearing amid tight security at an early morning rally on campus, also led a fund drive for Wolfe's legal expenses. He called for today's regents meeting to be held in a public forum. Meetings to discuss personnel matters are usually held in executive session and closed to the public.

"It's a state meeting. It's state business. People should see the meeting," he said. "Executive session is just a technicality to make a public meeting private."

Jackson said he would not be able to attend today's board meeting, when regents are expected to decide whether to keep Wolfe as president.

However, Jackson said he would be "on call" and could serve as a mediator if things don't work out today. "I have mediated disputes before," he said.

The former presidential candidate also called for regents to set another date for Wolfe's inauguration, which was canceled at the board's Sept. 27 meeting. It had been scheduled for last Saturday.

Jackson, who came to Kentucky for only a few hours, said he would attend the next scheduled inauguration and was "prepared to come back again and again and again to do whatever's necessary" to settle

Board meeting today

The Kentucky State University board of regents will meet at 1 p.m. today in the Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building. The meeting is open to the public unless the board — as is expected — goes into executive session.

the smoldering controversies at the historically black school.

"This matter is within the realm of resolution," he said. "I am convinced it can be worked out."

He did not say what led him to believe that.

In the meantime, Jackson said he spoke with the board's chairman, former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, by telephone for about 20 minutes yesterday to "move from battle ground to common ground."

They discussed charges of racism against Nunn, Jackson said, and how KSU's problems and policies compare with the other seven public universities in the state.

"Let's play the game by one set of rules," Jackson said. "Whatever rules apply for expenditures and allowances and residences and privileges at any of the universities should apply to all the universities."

"We're not talking about black and white. We're talking about wrong and right."

Four of KSU's nine regents are black. Nunn is white, and Wolfe is black.

Jackson also downplayed charges against Wolfe, saying, "We're not talking about stealing," and "You know the issue is not about some room at some house."

At its latest meeting, the board asked Wolfe to resign after learning that he had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence. He

refused. The board acted after it was reported that Wolfe gave himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract, which the board's attorney said could constitute a criminal charge of theft by deception, a felony.

Nunn could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Jackson made several statements of support for Wolfe during his hourlong speech yesterday, even though the event's organizers had said Jackson would not get into "personality battles" during the rally. They said he was coming to speak about maintaining the school's black heritage.

Later in his address, Jackson said he came to KSU because "I've known Dr. Wolfe for some time" and "the real purpose of the institution has been lost and deserted."

He also addressed allegations that regents want to either close KSU or convert it to a two-year community college or junior college.

"Kentucky needs Kentucky State," he said. "This school is not surplus. It's necessity."

"This school majors in hope. It majors in picking up those rejected stones, polishing them and making them cornerstones."

At least 900 people — many wearing buttons that said, "Run, Jesse, Run in '92" — packed the Bradford Hall Auditorium to hear Jackson, students, alumni leaders and area ministers speak about the problems at KSU.

Jackson rallied the crowd in gospel fashion, telling them to not give up hope.

He also asked for donations from the crowd — starting with \$500 and ending with any contribution people can make — for a legal defense fund for Wolfe. The solicitation drew about 100 people with checks or cash in hand.

"Don't give up now," he said. "We've come too far. I know it's dark, but the morning comes."

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KSU board files nine charges against Wolfe, sets hearing

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky State University's board of regents filed nine charges against President John T. Wolfe Jr. yesterday and set an Oct. 18 hearing that could lead to his removal from office.

While Wolfe will retain his presidential title as he prepares to answer the charges, the regents also appeared to strip him of all duties delegated by the regents. Those duties would be reassigned to Wolfe if the charges are found to have no validity.

All of the charges constituted incompetence, immoral conduct or neglect of duty — allegations that must be proven under Kentucky law to remove a state university president from office.

While Kentucky university presidents have been terminated through boards' refusal to renew their contracts — or by contract buy-outs — Wolfe could be the first president to be actually fired. The board urged Wolfe's resignation last month, but he refused.

The regents also ended an impasse over Wolfe's recommendations for administrative appointments. The board had twice rejected Wolfe's proposed slate because of objections to some of the recommendations.

Yesterday, the board approved the majority of the more than 30 names on Wolfe's slate, rejecting three and delaying action on four others. Those rejected were Charles Lambert, vice president for university relations; MacArthur Darby, director of institutional accreditation and effectiveness; and Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, a Wolfe assistant. The three couldn't be reached for comment.

Those delayed were LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs; Karen Hardaway-Hill, vice president for student affairs; Internal Auditor Michael Blake; and Wynobie Williams, director of housing.

Wolfe, who has been embroiled in controversy with the regents for the past several weeks, immediately left yesterday's meeting and declined to comment on the board actions. Board members, who apparently will become the tribunal to hear Wolfe's response to the charges, also declined to comment.

The situation brought the Rev. Jesse Jackson to the Frankfort campus Sunday, but the prayer vigil he suggested did not materialize.

The controversy — which involves the personnel appointments, nearly \$100,000 in expenditures for renovations and equipment at Wolfe's campus home, and a 9.5 percent salary increase he gave himself without board approval — has split the campus and provoked calls for ouster of the board by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who named most of the current members.

Wilkinson has kept an arms-length posture from the controversy

and refused to seek members' resignations. But in a statement yesterday, he said he hoped the board's actions "mark a new beginning for Kentucky State University" and reiterated his full support for the regents.

KSU faculty senate President Alan Moore also said he hoped the action would enable the school to rebound. "Hopefully this is the beginning of the end in terms of getting beyond this impasse," he said. "It's gone on for a long time, and we need to get to a point where we can start bringing people together and healing the wounds."

But Donald Anthony Woods, a professor of public administration and a Wolfe supporter, called the board's actions "totally unfounded and unjustified" and not thoroughly investigated. "If the board sees fit to bring charges against Dr. Wolfe, they might also want to bring charges against themselves for impropriety and incompetence," Woods added.

Student leader Sandra Bassett predicted that Wolfe would be exonerated in court, if not by the regents. "We are hoping that once the charges are brought in a full legal court system, then we will see that they have no validity," she said. "That's what we are depending on."

Earlier yesterday, KSU's student senate announced a "no confidence" vote in the regents, saying they had not supported the school, had declined invitations to meet with student leaders and had made "trivial matters" like the president's home renovations and pay raise into "paramount matters which have no validity."

Security remained tight at the meeting; everyone entering the boardroom area, including the regents, was scanned by a metal detector. The precaution apparently was linked to an alleged death threat Wolfe received more than a week ago.

Wolfe's duties were assigned to Mary Smith, now a presidential assistant and the school's acting president from early 1989 until July 1, 1990, when Wolfe became president. Smith was given the title of executive vice president and special assistant to the board. Board attorney William E. Johnson said that only Smith and the board can approve university expenditures.

"All delegations of authority heretofore given to the president of the university by the board of regents are canceled," Johnson said.

Two of the nine charges leveled against Wolfe have potential criminal liability. One is the unilateral salary increase, which Johnson earlier suggested may constitute theft by deception, a felony.

The board charged that Wolfe violated his contract by increasing his salary from \$92,500 to \$101,288 a year beginning July 1. The board has "sole discretion" to determine a presidential pay raise, the charge stated.

The other potential criminal charge stated that Wolfe knowingly instigated or participated in a scheme to permit a single bid exceeding \$10,000 for work at his home to be split into smaller amounts to skirt state law requiring competitive bids for contracts of \$10,000 or more.

Other charges said that Wolfe:

■ Had "failed to vigilantly" attend to campus administrative and management duties, including providing necessary supervision for various employees. It said that he had also misused KSU personnel "to the ultimate detriment" of the university and its facilities.

■ Knowingly deceived the board regarding the source and amount of expenditures for renovation of Hillcrest Place, his campus home.

■ Failed to properly carry out his duties "to assure that only properly authorized and justified expenditures public funds were utilized in the renovation of the president's official residence."

■ Directed KSU employees to solicit private funds for his inaugural expenses and told them their job security would at least partially be determined by their fund-raising success. The charge said the private fund-raising or that method of financing the inauguration was not approved by the board. Wolfe's inauguration, scheduled for Oct. 5, was canceled by the board last month.

■ Last week authorized expenditure of \$5,000 to send 1,000 Mailgrams to potential inaugural guests advising them that the festivities had been canceled. The regents, upon cancellation of the inauguration on Sept. 28, requested a list of invitees so that they could be notified by first class mail of the cancellation. First class mail notification would have cost \$290.

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KSU spending power taken from Wolfe

Board of regents files accusations against president

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky State University regents yesterday accused President John T. Wolfe Jr. of nine counts of misconduct and stripped him of his power to spend school money.

The board, after meeting for more than three hours behind closed doors, also fired three of Wolfe's appointees.

Wolfe, who has been president for 15 months, refused to comment on the accusations and quickly left as the meeting adjourned. A hearing was scheduled for Oct. 18, probably off campus at the Capitol, so Wolfe could argue his side of the charges.

When asked to comment during the meeting, former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, the board's chairman, said, "It would be inappropriate for the board to comment on the charges now that they have been served upon Dr. Wolfe and his counsel."

Nunn also declined to comment last night in a telephone interview. "We've got to go through this hearing," he said. "We don't want to say anything that would prejudice that or indicate that we had any preconceived ideas about what we should do."

The most serious allegation, which could bring criminal charges, deals with Wolfe's self-bestowed 9.5 percent pay raise — from \$92,500 to \$101,288 — despite a contract stipulation that only the regents can adjust his pay. Wolfe has returned the adjustment.

The board's attorney, William E. Johnson of Frankfort, has said the increase could constitute theft by deception, a felony. "But that's not a matter that's appropriate to be addressed at this time," he said yesterday.

Three allegations concern the \$100,000 renovation of Hillcrest Place, Wolfe's official residence. Others charge mismanagement, incompetency, neglect of duty, failure to perform his duty.

Nunn said a majority of the nine regents approved the charges. He did not give an exact vote.

Each of the charges is grounds for Wolfe's removal. Wolfe has refused to resign, even after the board last month canceled his inauguration and asked him to consider stepping down.

Gary Cox, executive director of the state Council on Higher Education, said he did not recall a college

The allegations

The Kentucky State University Board of Regents has accused President John T. Wolfe Jr. of:

- Giving himself a 9.5 percent pay raise — from \$92,500 to \$101,288 — despite a contract stipulation that only the regents can adjust his pay.

- Deceiving regents about the source and amount of money used in the \$100,000 renovation of Hillcrest Place, Wolfe's official residence.

- Failing to assure the board that the expenditures were justified and properly authorized.

- Permitting a single bid for construction services for more than \$10,000 at his house to be "artificially divided" into smaller amounts. Such a tactic, used to evade legal reporting requirements, is a criminal offense carrying a fine of up to \$5,000 and between one and 10 years in prison.

- Submitting a six-year plan to the Council on Higher Education in May that "had not been properly conceived or considered by himself ... or by other appropriate administrative staff, faculty members or students, of the board."

- Failing to oversee attempts to bring a headquarters of the Kentucky Educational Cooperative to KSU. It went to the University of Kentucky.

- Failing to address personnel issues and attend to administration and management.

- Directing KSU employees to solicit funds from private donors to pay for his inauguration. Wolfe also told employees, the charge says, that their future employment at KSU would be judged by their fund-raising efforts.

- Authorizing 1,000 Mailgrams at \$5 each, sent last week to telling people the inauguration had been canceled. The board had requested a list of guests on Sept. 28 so that they could be mailed letters advising of the cancellation.

president in Kentucky being stripped of powers by a governing board.

A.D. Albright, a former president of Morehead State and Northern Kentucky universities, also said he could not remember such action taking place.

Exactly what Wolfe can do now as president is up in the air. Johnson said he had "power and authority on any matter that he wishes to bring to the attention of the board. He has that right, and quite possibly, that duty."

"He's still the president of the university and will continue to be, subject to the hearing that will be held and a proper finding," Johnson said.

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- Submitted a KSU six-year plan to the state Council on Higher Education that neither he nor KSU administrators, faculty, students or regents were involved in developing or reviewing.

- Failed to oversee, manage, represent KSU in responding to inquiry of the Kentucky Educational Cooperative to locate its headquarters on the campus. The cooperative, a consortium of area school districts ultimately located at the University of Kentucky.

One of his assistants, Mary L. Smith, was given power of approving the university's expenditures. Smith served as interim president during the search that brought Wolfe, then provost and vice president for academic affairs at Bowie State University in Maryland, to KSU in 1990.

Wolfe's presidency, like that of predecessor Raymond Burse, has been mired in controversy and allegations. About three months ago Wolfe began openly battling with regents — especially Nunn — about his recommended slate of top aides.

Regents approved many of those yesterday after twice refusing to do so in the past.

Three key officials were fired, however: Charles "Chuck" Lambert, vice president for university relations; MacArthur Darby, director of institutional accreditation and effectiveness; and Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, Wolfe's executive assistant.

The board gave no reason for their dismissal. They could not be reached for comment.

Regents did not take action yesterday on four officials: LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs and treasurer; internal auditor Michael Blake; Karen C. Hardaway Hill, vice president for student affairs; and Wynobie Williams, director of student housing.

Johnson said the board reserved its right to determine whether they should be appointed at a later date.

Students in the board room reacted angrily after Johnson read aloud the accusations against Wolfe. Some chanted "Fire the board." Others sat in the meeting room, staring at the floor stunned.

"We will remain optimistic about this," senior Calvin Chatman said. "If we can, we will meet with Dr. Wolfe and find out how he feels about this. That meeting won't be about plotting our next move, because if we do anything radical, it would be wrong."

Security was tight yesterday. Campus police officers used handheld metal detectors to screen people entering the board room, which also was searched before the meeting.

Nunn was escorted to and from the meeting by two plainclothes officers of the Kentucky State Police. Wolfe also was accompanied by campus police, as he has been since last week when a Louisville TV station reported that he had received death threats.

No incidents were reported. The only organized protest was a prayer group of about 25 students — standing in a circle, locking hands

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while regents were behind closed doors.

Nunn also visited Gov. Wallace Wilkinson late yesterday to tell him that the meeting had gone smoothly. Nunn said he told the governor that he did not see any problems that would require action on his part.

"I think he was glad that it was a peaceful meeting and that there were no disturbances," Nunn said.

Some faculty members were upset at the allegations. Six black instructors said in a press release that the board was acting on unfounded and unproven allegations.

Johnson declined to say where the board got its information for the accusations. Last month, however, a board personnel committee conducted private interviews with 17 KSU employees.

Other faculty reaction was hopeful. Alan Moore, president of the Faculty Senate, said, "I'm looking forward to getting beyond this crisis."

The Senate yesterday voted to delay considering whether to take a vote of confidence in Wolfe. Faculty members said they wanted to wait and see how the board decided Wolfe's fate.

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'Great effort,' turnarounds lifted Morehead

By JIM TERHUNE
Staff Writer

Morehead State football coach Cole Proctor had told his team it was time to mix it up a bit.

"I told them to make it a fight every play," Proctor said of Morehead's game against Liberty. "Make it a street brawl. Don't be stupid. Don't talk with your fists. But hit, jump back up and be ready. . . . We got a great effort."

The Eagles (1-4) also got their first victory of the season, 12-10.

A team that had been allowing 50.5 points a game stuffed Liberty, especially on the ground, where the visitors managed just 44 yards on 28 carries.

An offense handcuffed for the first 59 minutes — Morehead's points had come on Fred Johnson's 16-yard interception return for a TD and a 33-yard field goal by sophomore Craig Bere — uncorked a 46-yard drive to the Liberty 11.

Then Bere, who had made only 4 of 12 field-goal tries last season, booted a 28-yarder with 23 seconds to go after Liberty had called a timeout.

"The wind was blowing, he changed his spot a couple of times, then the wind quit just as he kicked and he still stroked it right down the middle," Proctor said. "He had a tough year, then paid his own way to a kicking camp in the Louisville area during

the summer. He came back a changed guy."

Liberty came in 1-2 in former Cleveland Browns coach Sam Rutigliano's third year, but the losses were to Furman and Boise State, ranked second and fourth in Division I-AA.

"I don't mean to pump them up to make us look good," Proctor said, "but Liberty is a better football team than 1-3. Sam told me he felt this was his best team (his first two went 7-3 and 7-4)."

Morehead's defense had been giving up the long ball. It gave Liberty 262 passing yards on 18 of 41, but only one big one.

"We kept people in front of us and got to the ball," Proctor said. "And we got great, great pressure up front. They tried a few (bombs), but they had to go to three-step drops and our pressure still got home."

End-tackle Richard Shadwick, all-Ohio Valley Conference last year after making 19 tackles for losses, had three sacks and two tackles for losses.

Nose guard Anthony Cox suffered a shoulder sprain and defensive tackle Jeff Burton was hit by back spasms, but Morehead is off this Saturday and both should be ready by Oct. 19 for Murray State. The Eagles then meet Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri before closing against the OVC elite, Middle Tennessee and Eastern Kentucky.

"It's money time now," Proctor said. "We can still accomplish a lot. We have one loss in the conference, and if we play well we can win (the next four)."

KSU receives grant to teach farmers how to raise fish

Herald-Leader staff report

Kentucky State University has received a \$247,000 grant to teach farmers how to raise fish.

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KSU will develop the project with Nature's Catch, a subsidiary of Brown-Forman Corp. of Louisville. Nature's Catch was known as Cape Clear Foods, but Brown-Forman changed the name several months ago.

Brown-Forman is best known

for distilling Jack Daniels and Southern Comfort whiskeys. The company has entered the fish-farming business to dispose of the corn and grain byproducts from manufacturing whiskey. The byproducts are being used as feed for the fish.

Brown-Forman began developing its 150-acre fish-farming operation last year in Russell County.

"The company has agreed to let KSU lease four ponds and set up other facilities for an extension demonstration center," said U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Somerset, who was instrumental in getting the grant.

"This will be a place where farmers can go to get hands-on experience in modern fish production," he said.

A full-time aquaculture specialist will be based at the center.

Each year, 1.5 million pounds of farm-raised fish are shipped from other states to Kentucky, Rogers said. He said Kentucky farmers could capture that market by learning how to raise fish.

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'Up-and-coming'

Centre College in Danville, which has enjoyed an outstanding academic reputation for many years, is getting better, according to U.S. News & World Report's 1992 edition of America's Best Colleges. Centre leads the list of "up-and-coming" national liberal arts colleges in the annual survey of college executives.

"Up-and-comers are those institutions which are judged by their peers to be advancing most rapidly based on recent educational innovations and improvements," the magazine reports.

The high marks received by Centre — and also by Berea College and Transylvania University — in recent surveys are ample proof that young people need not leave Kentucky to receive a superb college education.

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Rights leaders seek investigation of Nunn

By FRAN ELLERS
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Civil-rights leaders said yesterday that they will meet this week with state and federal prosecutors to lay out complaints about Louie B. Nunn, chairman of the Kentucky State University board of regents, which filed charges Monday against KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr.

The board stripped Wolfe of most of his duties and set an Oct. 18 hearing on the nine charges. Wolfe's lawyer, William McNulty, said yesterday that he was working on a written defense and had no comment on other actions Wolfe might take.

Other, outside forms of defense were being organized: The Rev. Richard Wilson of Louisville said members of the Rev. Jesse

Jackson's network in Kentucky will talk with Jackson today about strategy to support Wolfe. Jackson spoke in Frankfort on Sunday, urging a prayer vigil during the board meeting. He also helped raise money for Wolfe's legal fees.

Last week, several state civil-rights groups and some KSU alumni charged that Nunn's involvement in a KSU auditing contract was illegal. They sent a letter to both U.S. attorneys in Kentucky as well as Attorney General Fred Cowan's office.

In a news release yesterday, they said they will meet with federal prosecutors tomorrow and Cowan's office on Friday to ask for an investigation. They said they will present "a factual account and position paper" concerning Nunn's actions toward Wolfe.

The groups include the Justice Resource Center, the Rainbow Coalition, the Louisville NAACP and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racism.

The board has assigned Wolfe's duties to Mary Smith, a former acting president and now a presidential assistant. Among the charges against Wolfe are two involving potential criminal liability. They relate to Wolfe's granting himself a pay raise — which he has refunded — and allegedly trying to skirt the state's law on competitive bidding on work done at his campus home.

Leaders of the school's faculty senate may decide this week whether to schedule a confidence vote on Wolfe, president Alan Moore said yesterday. The senate canceled such a vote Monday, choosing to wait until after the regents' meeting.

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1991

Civil-rights leaders seek investigation of Nunn

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

State civil-rights leaders will meet Thursday with representatives from the FBI and U.S. attorney's office to ask them to investigate Kentucky State University board chairman Louie B. Nunn.

The Rev. Louis Coleman announced yesterday that leaders will give the representatives a position paper outlining alleged improper actions Nunn has taken against KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr.

Leaders charge that Nunn's involvement in a 1989 and 1990 KSU auditing contract was illegal, Coleman said. KSU's audits for fiscal 1989 and 1990 were done by Rankin, Rankin & Co. of Covington.

Carson E. Smith, KSU's former vice president for business affairs, said in a 1990 memo to Wolfe that Nunn had "made it clear that he wanted Rankin to handle this year's (fiscal year 90) audit without a rebid, and that is why they have the job this year — on his (Nunn's) instruction."

Nunn told The Courier-Journal that he had told Wolfe not to move too fast on the bid process because he was upset when he learned the specifications appeared weighted for Kentucky's Eastern District, said she could not confirm or deny that representatives were meeting with civil-rights groups.

Phillip Doty, spokesman for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, gave the same comment.

There was no indication yesterday whether any charges levied Monday against Wolfe would be investigated by forces outside KSU.

Regents stripped Wolfe of his power to spend the school's money and charged him with nine counts of misconduct, alleging mismanagement, neglect of duty, failure to perform his duty and immoral conduct, as outlined by Kentucky law.

Wolfe has declined to comment on the charges. He could not be reached again yesterday.

The Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky Tuesday, October 8, 1991

KSU president faces charges, 2 top aides fired

Hearing set Oct. 18

By CHARLES WOLFE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The president of Kentucky State University was charged by his governing board with incompetence, neglect of duty and misconduct.

John T. Wolfe Jr. also was stripped of authority over the university's finances, and two of his top administrators were fired Monday.

The Board of Regents scheduled an Oct. 18 hearing on the charges. It probably will be held off campus at the

Capitol Annex, and a hearing officer might be appointed to conduct it, said board attorney William E. Johnson of Frankfort.

The filing of charges against Wolfe, a step toward his firing, was not unexpected, though it seemed to shock many students.

The board twice had refused to take a necessary ratification vote on Wolfe's personnel appointments. That vote came Monday for most of the appointees, and two of Wolfe's top aides — Charles "Chuck" Lambert, vice president for university relations, and MacArthur Darby, director of institutional accreditation — were fired, Johnson said.

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The crisis at KSU

WHEN Dr. John T. Wolfe Jr. came to Kentucky State University from Maryland's Bowie State University, he made an outstanding impression. Indeed, KSU board chair Louie B. Nunn, a former governor who's considered a higher education "trouble shooter," said he'd never encountered a better qualified candidate for a college president's position.

Now, only a year later, Dr. Wolfe has all but been removed by KSU's board of regents. A bill of particulars against him, published yesterday in *The Forum*, includes some serious allegations of ethical, if not criminal wrongdoing.

Even if they prove unfounded, it seems increasingly clear that the embattled and embittered Dr. Wolfe's ability to lead KSU is in doubt. His administration is in disarray. A string of fumbled decisions and any number of broken relationships make it unwise for him to remain.

And that's a shame for everybody, especially the students, alumni and supporters of KSU, Kentucky's only historically black state university. This comes at a time when the value of such institutions is being appreciated in new ways because of their ability to instill confidence in young African Americans, for, as the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in Frankfort on Sun-

day: "This school majors in hope." It also requires strong leadership with a strong base of support.

Increasingly it's clear that Dr. Wolfe lacks the support he needs to continue in his role. It also seems clear that the board did not ask enough questions — or the right ones — at the outset. If it had, it wouldn't have ended up with someone with whom it proved to be so difficult to achieve a good working relationship.

It's not yet evident how much of the burden should go to Dr. Wolfe for that failure. However, some serious questions have been raised about his ability to serve as top administrator. Chief among these is how he could allow a 9.5 percent salary increase to take effect with-

out the board's okay. And why did he wait to renounce the raise until asked about it by a reporter?

Dr. Wolfe will soon have an opportunity to respond to the charges and defend his reputation as an administrator. He'll have a chance to try to save his presidency. It seems difficult to imagine how he could succeed in the latter.

When the new governor takes office, a top priority must be to ensure that KSU has a president — and board — who are committed to ending the woes that have prevailed at KSU for too long, and to realizing the school's great potential.



STAFF PHOTO BY JOHN ROTT

Former Gov. Louie Nunn and Kentucky State University President John Wolfe.

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New ACC building a top priority

\$4.1 million classroom structure ranked 2nd by board of trustees

By Robert Aiford
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — The University of Kentucky Board of Trustees wants to add a \$4.1 million classroom building at Ashland Community College because of the school's rapid growth.

A proposal for a humanities building is one of the top priorities for the board, even ahead of a proposed \$12 million Lexington Community College campus, said Dr. Anthony Newberry, outgoing president of the two-year college.

However, the Kentucky Council on Higher Education also must request funding for the proposed building before it goes to the General Assembly early next year for action.

Ashland Community College's enrollment set another record this fall, jumping 3 percent from the fall semester of 1990, Newberry said. The campus now has 3,162 students, up 3,061 from last year. This fall marks the 10th consecutive semester that the college has set enrollment records.

Bruce Leslie, chairman of ACC's Advisory Board, said the proposed building is badly needed, even though a new \$3 million learning resource center just opened in August. "I think what's surprising to

everyone is that we're just ready to dedicate one new building and we've already risen to the second most pressing need (for a third building) in the entire UK system," Leslie said. "Space is at such a premium that we just desperately need more room and I think the university has recognized that need

by its ranking." The new learning resource center helped to relieve a space crunch at the school but didn't eliminate it, said Newberry, who will become chancellor of academic affairs of the UK Community College System on Nov. 1. "Every single room in that building was filled the minute

it opened," he said. "We have a direct and desperate need for classroom space." That need for more room accounts for the high priority placed on the classroom building at the school. The only proposal ahead of ACC's is an arts center at Hazard Community College. The trustees listed a new building at Somerset Community College as the third priority, and the massive new Lexington Community College campus as fourth priority.

Newberry said Ashland ranked high because it is "a meat and potatoes" project, needed to house the swelling enrollments. He said many of the others might be considered "glamour" projects. The college advisory board submitted a six-year plan in March in which its members asked for the classroom building, a student center and a building to house engineering and allied health technology programs.

Leslie said the advisory board and college staff would again look to the local legislative delegation to fight for funding for the project. He said the college would offer the legislators "the ammunition they need to convince their colleagues of our needs." The ranking given by the UK trustees doesn't mean the proposal will be funded, Leslie said, but it should help. "We found that in the past a high ranking is absolutely necessary to get the interest of legislators outside the area," he said.

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IN OUR VIEW

A slab of pork

Parking garage grant great for city, but difficult to justify on federal scale

Downtown Ashland may soon receive a \$1 million slab of pork, courtesy of U.S. Rep. Chris Perkins, D-7th.

There is no question that the \$1 million federal grant for a downtown parking garage in Ashland is straight from the proverbial pork barrel. It is just the type of specialized federal expenditure often criticized by voters, columnists and editorial writers. Regardless of how important the parking garage is to Ashland, it is difficult to justify asking taxpayers in Arizona and Maine to help pay for something from which they will draw zero benefit.

Congress approved the garage grant as part of a bill providing funds for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Veteran's Administration, NASA and other independent agencies. President Bush has threatened to veto the bill, which still could kill the garage project.

If built, the multi-level garage would be a major boost for the revitalization of downtown Ashland. It would be constructed across Winchester Avenue from the former Ashland Oil Inc. headquarters building and would be used by Morehead State University and Ashland Community College students attending classes in the building and by employees and customers of other tenants.

Without the garage, it is doubtful there would be adequate parking downtown to serve the needs of the building.

Still, the project is pure pork. Local government agen-

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cies may not be able to afford to spend \$1 million on a parking garage, but neither can Uncle Sam. At a time of record deficits, it is absurd for Congress to continue to pander to the political interests of individual members by approving pet projects that are not in the national interest.

Of course, the parking garage is not the only pork in the bill. It includes 132 other special projects costing taxpayers more than \$150 million. Since other members of Congress are playing the same wasteful game, we suppose a case can be made for Ashland getting its share of the pork.

But the next time we criticize Congress for wasting money on such dubious projects as Lawrence Welk's birthplace or a city hall in some distant city, we need look no farther than our own parking garage. One person's pork barrel is another person's needed project

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University chiefs' salaries based partly on size, budget

By Todd Pack

Herald-Leader staff writer

The University of Kentucky's president makes \$157,955 a year — more than any other public university chief in the state.

Kentucky State University's president gets \$92,500, less than any of the others.

UK is the state's largest university. KSU is smallest.

The issue of KSU President John Wolfe Jr.'s giving himself a raise has been one of the key issues in a controversy that could cost him his job.

"Before we get excited about Wolfe's pay raise, let's see what other state university presidents are making," said Shelby Lanier, president of the Louisville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, one of several civil rights groups that met last month to come up with a plan to help Wolfe, the only black president in the state, keep his job.

Kentucky's public university presidents are typically paid in part based on the size of their schools and their budgets.

University of Louisville President Donald Swain gets \$155,000. That is the second highest, behind UK's Charles Wethington. U of L is the state's second largest school.

Those salaries are comparable to those at similar schools in nearby states.

University of Tennessee President Joseph Johnson gets \$136,700. Indiana University President Thomas Ehrlich is paid \$190,000 a year.

But school size is not always the sole determination.

Western Kentucky University is the fourth-largest public university in the state with 15,720 students.

President Thomas Meredith, however, gets \$99,924, ranking him sixth — behind the presidents of the much smaller Northern Kentucky and Morehead State universities.

"I'm not sure the size of the salary and the size of the school should be a correlation," said Western regents chairman Joe Iracane.

The university was facing a tight budget, Iracane said, so Meredith asked that the board give him a raise of only 3.5 percent.

Board members at other Kentucky schools said there are other ways of judging how well a president is being compensated.

"There are a lot of things to look at," said Wayne Martin, vice chairman of the board of regents at Morehead State University.

The presidents of Kentucky's eight state-funded universities get a car, travel expenses and campus housing with a housekeeper, according to the state Council on Higher Education.

Wolfe was accused by his school's regents on Monday of wrongly spending about \$100,000 of school funds to renovate his campus home.

But of the nine administrative charges filed against him, the first on the list was the allegation that he gave himself a raise without the board's permission.

That one charge has perhaps caused the most uproar in the months-old dispute between the board of regents and Wolfe.

"Wolfe's salary is comparable to the others" in the state, said Gary Cox, executive director of the Council on Higher Education. The council has no say in what schools pay their presidents.

Before giving himself a raise, Wolfe made \$92,500.

Kentucky State has the lowest enrollment and the smallest budget of all eight state universities. The Frankfort school has 2,518 students and a budget of \$19.5 million.

Murray State University's enrollment is next lowest with 8,300 students. Its president, Ronald J. Kurth, makes \$98,000.

That meant he would have gotten more than the presidents of Murray State University and Western Kentucky University.

Board members at other state universities declined to comment on the situation with Wolfe.

However, they agreed that state university presidents' salaries are usually based partly on the size of the university.

"The larger the institution, the greater the responsibility and the greater the challenge," said UK trustees chairman Foster Ockerman.

"I think that you look at the president of a university the same as you would the chief executive officer of any large institution," he said.

University of Louisville trustees have been criticized in recent weeks for giving Swain a 21.7 percent raise when faculty and administrators got an average raise of 8 percent.

U of L trustees chairman Bob Benson said the board gave Swain such a large raise because they want to keep him.

Swain had been approached about a job elsewhere, Benson said.

Kentucky's public university presidents and their salaries

School	Enrollment	Budget in millions	President	1990-91 Salary	1991-92 Salary	Salary increase
University of Kentucky	24,200	\$260.1	Charles T. Wethington Jr.	\$130,500	\$157,955	21.0%
University of Louisville	23,580	\$144.8	Donald C. Swain	\$127,279	\$155,000	21.7
Eastern Kentucky University	16,000	\$57.5	Harly Funderburk	\$111,100	\$122,210	10.0
Western Kentucky University	15,720	\$54.3	Thomas C. Meredith	\$96,540	\$99,924	3.5
Northern Kentucky University	11,750	\$31.2	Leon E. Boothe	\$96,460	\$100,852	7.5
Morehead State University	8,750	\$34.4	C. Nelson Grote	\$95,000	\$102,600	8.0
Murray State University	8,300	\$40.3	Ronald J. Kurth	\$92,000	\$98,000	6.5
Kentucky State University	2,518	\$19.5	John T. Wolfe Jr.	\$92,500	\$101,288	9.5*

*The president's raise has been challenged by the board of regents.

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Noise proposal gets criticism from students

Morehead council tables approval

By JIM ROBINSON
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — A proposed Morehead ordinance aimed at quieting loud car stereos and fraternity parties drew criticism from the leader of Morehead State University's student government Tuesday.

Erin Farrell, president of the MSU Student Government Association, told Morehead city council members the law would hurt social life for the 8,750 students at the school.

"I've gotten a lot of negative vibes from students about this," she said.

Meeting in special session Tuesday night, the council tabled final approval of the

noise ordinance.

Mayor Larry Breeze said he expected a vote within the next 30 days.

The council gave initial approval to the ordinance last month. The new law would make it a violation to make noise that disturbs people in their homes between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

Bill Redwine, director of Alumni Relations and an MSU fraternity adviser, said he too was concerned about the potential impact of the proposed ordinance.

"The guys (at the fraternity house) really try to be good neighbors, but I'm really concerned it will open a Pandora's box," Redwine said.

Breeze said the noise curfew may be extended in response to MSU's concerns.

The ordinance was drafted

in response to complaints from city residents who complained about noise from high school and college students gathered in parking lots along Main Street.

In response to Farrell's comments, Police Chief John Brown said the ordinance is intended to protect residents' "basic civil rights." He said it is less stringent than those in many other cities.

"It's basically designed to curb the things that cause us the biggest problems — fraternity parties and boom boxes," he said.

By Tonja Wilt

Herald-Leader staff writer

The University of Kentucky will not honor an ad offering to give hockey club season tickets to any one cited for alcohol-related offenses at the club's fund-raising dance Friday.

Fifteen people were arrested and dozens of citations were issued by Lexington police and Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Board officers. About 1,300 people attend-

ed the dance at Central District Tobacco Warehouse, 555 South Broadway.

Mark Shupe, general manager for the hockey team, placed the ad that ran yesterday in the campus newspaper, the Kentucky Kernel.

Shupe said the ad was not meant to reward illegal behavior, but to increase game attendance. "It was a way of identifying a small group of students to provide free tickets to," Shupe said. "We may have made a mistake in giving away tickets in this manner."

The hockey team is a club team and is not supported by the UK athletic program. "Emphatically, the university does not condone fund-raising by student organizations that are involved in selling or providing alcohol to under-age drinkers," said David Stockham, UK dean of students. "That ad was not authorized by the university. That ad was not authorized by the Student Center."

"If a Cool Cats person bought a ticket and gave it in return for someone's citation, we are not involved with that," Stockham said. The citations included 49 charges of being a minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage, four charges of using a fake identification card, six charges of alcohol intoxication, six charges of disorderly conduct and four charges of buying alcohol for a person younger than 21.

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Lawyers ask KSU to delay Wolfe's hearing for 30 days

By ROBERT T. GARRETT
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Saying they need more time to find documents and interview witnesses, attorneys for Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. have asked for a 30-day delay of the Oct. 18 hearing that could lead to his removal.

They also requested that KSU's board of regents name "an impartial non-member to preside" over the hearing; allow quizzing and exclusion from the case of regents with "bias or hostility" toward Wolfe; and require "clear and convincing evidence" of wrongdoing, incompetence or neglect of duty before Wolfe may be dismissed.

However, former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, chairman of the board of regents, said yesterday that the board would reject postponement of the hearing and most of the 11 requests made Tuesday. Nunn said he had spoken to enough regents to "determine that the board's wishes would be to follow the advice of counsel," attorney William E. Johnson of Frankfort. In a memo to the board Tuesday, Johnson recommended against delaying the hearing beyond Oct. 18, the earliest it can be held under state law.

Johnson said "the good of Kentucky State University demands a speedy hearing" on the nine charges the regents filed against Wolfe on Monday. They included two involving potential criminal liability — Wolfe's granting himself a pay raise and his alleged skirting of competitive-bidding laws in renovating his campus home.

Johnson urged the regents to hold the hearing Oct. 18 with no hearing officer; no "voir dire," or jury-like quizzing of regents; and no requirement that the charges be proven by "clear and convincing evidence."

"There is no statutory requirement" for a hearing officer or voir dire, Johnson said. And state law on removing presidents of state universities requires that their incompetence, wrongdoing or neglect be proven only "by a preponderance of the evidence," he said.

Johnson urged the board to grant a few of the 11 procedural requests from Wolfe's attorneys, William A. McAnulty and Barbara Reid Hartung, both of Louisville. Wolfe apparently will be able to call witnesses, cross-examine witnesses, compel testimony with board-issued subpoenas and get a stenographic record of the hearing.

But Johnson urged rejection of Wolfe's requests that other, unnamed university presidents be allowed to testify about incompetence charges against Wolfe and that any regent who misses any part of the hearing be excluded from the final vote on whether to dismiss him.

McAnulty, who could not be reached for comment, said in a letter he wrote Nunn on Tuesday that such procedures "are necessary and appropriate in order to assure that Dr. Wolfe is provided due process in the conduct of these hearings."

Told last night of the likely rejection of their requests, Hartung said she did not have any comment at the time.

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Colleges to join computer network

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A \$113,000 federal grant will enable the University of Kentucky to help five Appalachian colleges become part of the International High Speed Computer Network, known as Internet.

The National Science Foundation money will be used at Campbellsville and Cumberland colleges in Kentucky; Lees-McRae in North Carolina; Ferrum in Virginia; and Wheeling Jesuit in West

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1991

UK denies free hockey tickets to cited partygoers

The other side

Arguments against Corbin-London community college faulty

By Ken James

Two Centre College economics professors (Bruce K. Johnson and Harry Landreth) charged in a Sept. 25 Op-Ed page article that the University of Kentucky's attempt to locate a community college in the Corbin-London area is "unfair" to private colleges there. They appear to be misinformed.

Among the professors' erroneous conclusions is, first, that UK is buying its way into the area. The truth is, local educators and business and professional people are leading the effort to bring in a community college.

The professors also mentioned Sue Bennett College, whose board first accepted, and later rejected, the opportunity to join the UK Community College System. Sue Bennett trustees reversed their initial decision after a change in board leadership, and with full knowledge that area leaders would continue to pursue a community college at a different site.

The professors said a community college in the area would be a waste of tax dollars. The 5th Congressional District — the most poorly educated in America — is criticized and ridiculed for its consistently poor showing in educational surveys and rankings.

However, since the Centre professors raise the question, just what would be the result of a community college in our area? They correctly conclude that more people would attend college, thus increasing the education level of the southeastern Kentuckians. They also say productivity and income would rise.

These gains would have a positive impact on the commonwealth, in much the same way Toyota in Georgetown has attracted spin-off industries to towns an hour away. Another result would be the people of the London-Corbin area becoming less dependent on the government as they earn more money, and yes, pay more taxes. Therefore, perhaps it would be more appropriate to view a community college as an investment in our future.

The professors' final argument appears to be with UK itself, and the effect a community college would have on private institutions. To assert that competition should not (or does not) exist in higher education is naive and ludicrous.

Any college or university in sound financial health is in that condition because it is run like a business. As in business, competition in higher education keeps everyone on his toes. Without it, no one could afford to attend.

Fortunately, a community college's competitive effect would be minimal due to the large and growing number of people who are not served by existing institutions. Put in economic terms, these people simply are not in the market for \$185 an hour classes and a daily commute of one and one-half hours.

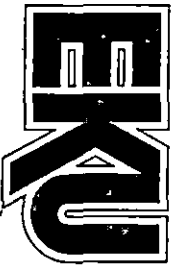
The professors claim that both the London-Corbin area and Kentucky's taxpayers would be better served by the state's giving more grants to students attending the private, church-related colleges here. On the contrary, perhaps it is the responsibility of the churches affiliated with these colleges to help make up the difference for students who, even with financial aid, still

cannot afford to attend.

A concern the professors did not address is the fact that the private colleges cannot, and do not consider, it their mission to do the things a community college does best. While some duplication would occur in some areas, in many others a community college is uniquely equipped to meet the needs of the people and region it serves.

The end result will be future generations of southeastern Kentuckians for whom a college education is a priority, not an impossible dream — or worse, something never considered.

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State universities want \$1.82 billion over 2 years

Staff, wire reports

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's universities want state taxpayers to give them \$1.82 billion in the next two budget years.

The figures revealed yesterday by the Council on Higher Education were produced from a formula that the universities devised. The formula is supposed to take into account such things as enrollment, public service and research and compare it to the public funding for comparable universities in nearby states.

The General Assembly has never provided the full amount contained in the formula, although the universities keep asking for it. This year, universities will receive \$715,508,500 in General Fund tax dollars, which is only 82.9 percent of what they say they deserve under the formula.

The universities are seeking \$894,844,400 in fiscal year 1993 that begins July 1, 1992, and \$925,558,500 the following year.

State law requires government agencies to submit budget requests for the coming biennium by Oct. 15.

The 1992 General Assembly will enact a budget next year during its session.

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COLLEGES

The NCAA Council lowered the minimum ACT test score requirement for freshman eligibility from 18 to 17, beginning with the 1992-93 class.

The minimum grade-point requirements for the freshman eligibility rule known as Proposition 48 was kept the same, as was the minimum score of 700 needed on the other college entrance exam, the SAT.

NCAA president Judy Sweet said the new ACT score is now concordant with the SAT score.

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LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1991

U.S. inquiry into KSU clash alleged

Rights leader says investigation is under way

By Andy Mead

Herald-Leader staff writer

Civil rights leaders suggested yesterday that federal investigators are looking into the controversy surrounding Kentucky State University.

"They were very aware of the situation," the Rev. Louis Coleman said after a closed meeting with representatives of the FBI and U.S. attorney's office in Lexington in which they made charges against KSU board Chairman Louie B. Nunn.

"I think I can be comfortable in saying they had already inquired of one individual at Kentucky State to see them."

Coleman would not elaborate, but said "we will be encouraging that individual to see them."

Robert Trevey, an assistant U.S. attorney who attended the meeting, said his office did not comment on whether it is conducting investigations. He said Coleman and the others had made statements that "we will take ... into consideration."

Coleman gave reporters copies of the group's allegations: that Nunn forced KSU to award contracts to companies he specified, that he violated the civil rights of KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. and others, that he might have used illegal wiretaps and that he might have submitted false travel expenses to the university.

The charge dealing with civil rights said, in part, that Nunn "has engaged in race baiting." Nunn is

white. Wolfe is black.

"We never have felt Dr. Wolfe was the real problem," Coleman said. "We felt Kentucky State never has been the problem."

"The problem has always been those appointments that came from the governor's office. For the last two years, the problem has been Louie Nunn."

The allegations will be present-

ed to state Attorney General Fred Cowan today, Coleman said.

Nunn, in an interview at his home in Park in Barren County, declined to respond to the charges.

"These are so absurd that they don't deserve comment," he said.

Nunn said the KSU board would reject a request by Wolfe's attorneys that it delay by 30 days a hearing to discuss firing the president. The hearing is scheduled for

Oct. 18.

Nunn also said he had spoken to enough board members to say the board would reject requests that the regents name "an impartial non-member" to preside at the hearing allow exclusion of regents with "bias or hostility" toward Wolfe and require "clear and convincing evidence" of wrongdoing, incompetence or neglect of duty before Wolfe may be dismissed.

Wolfe could not be reached for comment yesterday. He has avoided Kentucky news media, but told the Atlanta Journal and Constitution that his career "is essentially ruined."

In an article the Atlanta newspaper published yesterday, Wolfe said the real issue in the KSU controversy was "the raping and pillaging of a university."

"What I'm outraged about is that people don't want to deal with issues of contract steering (and) the use of space at the university."

The regents have stripped Wolfe of his power to spend the school's money and charged him with nine counts of misconduct, alleging mismanagement, neglect of duty, failure to perform his duty, and immoral conduct, as outlined by Kentucky law.

Herald-Leader staff writer Todd Pack and The Associated Press contributed to this article.

Nunn violated rights of officials, group says

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A group of civil-rights leaders and supporters of Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. have charged the chairman of the board of regents with violating the rights of Wolfe and three KSU officials fired earlier this week.

The accusations include charges that Louie B. Nunn, "and possibly others at his request," resorted to wiretapping and the use of private investigators to violate the civil rights of Wolfe, Charles Lambert, MacArthur Darby and Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, and possibly others. Lambert was KSU's vice president for university relations; Darby was director of institutional accreditation and effectiveness; and Fakhrid-Deen was Wolfe's executive assistant.

The Rev. Louis Coleman, a part-time KSU coach, said he and five other civil-rights leaders discussed the accusations yesterday with Karen Caldwell, U.S. attorney for Kentucky's Eastern District, and representatives from her office and the FBI office in Lexington.

"It was a real positive meeting," Coleman said. "They're looking at (the charges), and we've asked if they can move on it as quick-

In response to the charges, Nunn said, "It's quite obvious this is a personal vendetta against me, so it's not worthy of discussion."

KSU's regents set an Oct. 18 hearing date Monday for Wolfe to respond to nine administrative charges. The hearing could lead to his ouster.

The allegations turned over to Caldwell also charged that Nunn improperly steered a KSU auditing contract to a Northern Kentucky accounting firm in 1989 and that he may have misused state funds by seeking reimbursement of travel expenses to Frankfort when he went there on non-KSU business.

An outline of the allegations, later released by Coleman, also said that Nunn "has utilized unconfirmed statements and untruths in a crusade designed to deny" due process to the KSU officials and others.

"The statements used were by whites against blacks," the statement said. "Nunn has engaged in a race-baiting. These activities have been undertaken in a group manner by Louie Nunn acting in concert with other members of the KSU Board of Regents, some members of the KSU faculty and staff and with several individuals in the

Nunn accused of violating rights

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Frankfort community."

Caldwell did not return a phone call yesterday.

Nunn said the auditing contract was approved by the KSU board and that records for travel expenses reimbursed by KSU are available to anyone wanting to see them.

Coleman said the group gave no records to federal authorities yesterday. But he said some records and people who should be subpoenaed were mentioned.

The list of allegations also stated that "individuals" at KSU "have been terminated for their religious views or for having brought to KSU too many people of a certain religion."

Asked to elaborate on that charge, Coleman said, "My understanding is there are a couple on the staff who are Muslim."

The allegations stated that no competitive bids were taken, as required by law, before the KSU auditing contract was awarded to Rankin & Rankin, a Covington firm. They also said that Nunn ordered the contract to be given to the firm and threatened "several" unnamed people "to insure they acted as he ordered."

The allegations also said Nunn "used the same threatening tech-

niques" to steer a contract to Rankin & Rankin to audit KSU's foundation.

As the Rankin & Rankin contract neared expiration, the allegations added, Wolfe "was castigated and placed under enormous pressure" by Nunn to give a new contract to the Covington firm.

Rankin & Rankin was outbid, however, and the regents gave the current auditing contract to Arthur Andersen & Co. earlier this year.

The allegations also said that Wolfe's changes in awarding of other contracts aroused Nunn's ire. They called for an investigation of these unnamed contracts to determine whether they "were awarded to individuals based on Louie Nunn's choice, threat or demand."

Others who met yesterday with federal authorities, Coleman said, were Shelby Lanier, president of the Louisville chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Michael Wilson of the Lexington NAACP; the Rev. Richard Wilson of Louisville's Watson Memorial Baptist Church; Marvin Williams, a KSU alumnus and official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and Porter Peeples, executive director of the Lexington Urban League.

He said a meeting is scheduled today with Attorney General Fred Cowan to discuss the allegations.

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Charges against Wolfe

The pettiness of the charges that Louie Nunn's regents are holding against Kentucky State University President John Wolfe are unbelievable. Granted, there are other members on the team, but Nunn is the "quarterback" calling the plays. It is quite obvious that because Dr. Wolfe refuses to be a "Yas Suh Boss" Uncle Tom, Nunn is determined to get rid of him.

Doesn't every executive who lives in a government facility improve or remodel to

suit their living needs? Didn't Nunn make changes in the mansion when he was supposed to be governor? Dr. Wolfe isn't the only university president whose salary increase is being questioned — faculty at U of L are asking about Dr. Swain's recent increase, and yet we hear little about it.

Your columnist Bob Garrett writes that the protests and student marches at KSU are "just a waste of time." If Dr. King, Mrs. Rosa Parks and other civil rights leaders had shared those thoughts, we would still be riding in the back of buses, eating in restaurant kitchens, using marked drinking fountains and rest rooms, living in alleys and sending our children to inferior segregated schools.

Yes, there was a need for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the KSU students and the fair-minded people of Kentucky to stand up for Dr. Wolfe. His alleged wrongdoings are mere peanuts compared to some of the things our politicians are doing with the taxpayers' money.

In his column about Jefferson County's bus plan, your columnist, Jim Adams, being a white middle-aged man, can't know enough about blacks or African Americans to form an opinion on how they should react to civil rights problems.

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Delay Wolfe's hearing

ON MONDAY, Kentucky State University's board of regents made good on previous warnings. The regents formally filed nine charges against KSU's President John T. Wolfe Jr.

A short time later, Dr. Wolfe's attorneys made 11 requests of the regents, including a call for a 30-day delay of the hearing set for next Friday, Oct. 18.

The regents allege among other things that Dr. Wolfe, whom they hired in 1990, is incompetent and may have engaged in "immoral" and possible criminal conduct.

This is serious stuff, folks.

So we think it's unreasonable for the regents, headed by former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, not to grant a postponement of the hearing.

Mr. Nunn has also said the regents would reject most of the requests by Dr. Wolfe's attorneys. One we hope they won't reject, in the best interests of all, is the request that "clear and convincing evidence" be presented before Dr. Wolfe can be dismissed.

If Dr. Wolfe is fired, it would be a first for a university president in Kentucky.

In the real world, even common criminals are afforded time to prepare an adequate defense. Is Dr. Wolfe entitled to any less?

Of course, a 30-day postponement will drag out an unusually nasty situation. However, given what KSU's students and faculty have already endured, another 30 days won't make any significant difference that we can see.

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Centre College rededicates building

DANVILLE, Ky. — Centre College today will rededicate Old Centre, the oldest college administration building west of the Allegheny Mountains.

The 1 p.m. ceremony will include an address by college president Michael F. Adams and a ribbon-cutting at the building's main entrance. A buffet reception for invited guests is tonight. The building will be open for guided alumni tours tomorrow morning. A community open house is set for Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Old Centre is one of five buildings on the campus listed by the National Register of Historic Places. Its original structure was built in 1819 and 1820.

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KSU students, parents unsure how protest will affect future

By Leon Stafford
Herald-Leader staff writer

FRANKFORT — Although the sit-in at Kentucky State University is over, students and their parents were still divided yesterday by the controversy.

And it was unclear whether any of the students who occupied Hume Hall, the school's administration building, would face disciplinary or legal action.

The students, who took over the building at about 1 a.m. Friday, abandoned the protest Saturday night and the campus was back to normal yesterday.

"It is over," KSU Alumni Association president Vincent Bakeman told reporters as the students left Saturday night. He offered no explanation for the decision.

Students asked upon leaving the building that Gov. Wallace Wilkinson honor an offer of immunity he made to them.

However, Wilkinson spokesman Doug Alexander said yesterday he was not aware of any such offer and did not know if any charges would be filed. He added he had not

talked to the governor yesterday about KSU.

Franklin County Commonwealth's Attorney Morris Burton and Franklin County Attorney Jim Boyd said they had not been contacted about filing charges against the students.

School officials could not be reached yesterday. The controversy at the historically black college remained on the minds of students, their parents and school alumni who were on campus yesterday.

"I'm worried about what's going to happen," said Ashley Johnson, of Middlesboro.

"I don't know what (today) is going to hold. I just hope everything works out," said Johnson, who was at the school yesterday with his step-daughter, Buffy Dunnaville, a senior at KSU.

The students were upset with the way the school's board of regents had treated embattled KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr., who visited the protesters.

Earlier, the board had called on Wolfe to resign.

When he refused, the board

filed nine charges against him for alleged misconduct.

The board has scheduled a dismissal hearing Friday.

Roderick Gosa, a 1981 KSU graduate, said although he did not think the sit-in was the answer to the problem, it had an impact.

"I think the message did get out," he said. "It was effective in that it brought a lot of attention to the problem."

Bakeman did not hold out much hope that Wilkinson would intervene.

"We plan to initiate discussion with the governor," he said. "However, this governor is out in December and at this point, I don't think this governor has any value in helping us because I think he is committed to these (board of regents) appointments.

Tawana Owens of Elizabethtown, a 1978 graduate of KSU, said the student's stand has made her even prouder of the school.

"(The students) went about it very well," she said of the protests and occupation of Hume Hall. "They are very well organized and they had their whole heart and soul in it. Nothing has been violent."

However, not all were thrilled with the protests.

"I myself thought it was stupid," said Beverly Smith, a junior from Kansas City, Mo. "I'm here to get an education. I'm not here to jeopardize my future."

McArthur Cooper, a senior from Erlington, said the KSU board of regents must decide the kind of person it wants to run the university.

"If he's to be a token, let him be a token," he said. "If he's to be a leader, let him lead. Tell him what he is supposed to be. I think that should be the topic of this whole situation."

Romell Johnson, mother of Buffy Dunnaville and a Middlesboro city councilwoman, said she worried about the school's future and the effect the controversy will have on the students.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1991

KSU to investigate how students took building

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A top-level Kentucky State University official said yesterday that an investigation will be launched to determine how students were able to enter the school's locked administration building early Friday morning and hold it for more than 30 hours.

Mary Smith, KSU's executive vice president and special assistant to the board of regents, said the probe will likely begin today.

"We still don't know" how the students were able to enter Hume Hall, Smith said. She said it had not been determined how the investigation will be conducted.

The last of an estimated 75 KSU students vacated the two-story building about 10:30 Saturday night. Vincent Bakeman, president of the KSU Alumni Association, was there when the protest ended, and he said the students had been promised clemency by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

But yesterday Smith denied that any such promise had been made.

She said clemency was offered early Friday if the students would leave the building soon after seizing it.

"But as time passed, things changed. And so no promise has been made that there would be amnesty for any of the students, since they did not leave at the time they were requested to," she said.

Neither Wilkinson nor his press secretary, Doug Alexander, could be reached for comment yesterday. Bakeman was also unavailable for comment.

Regents' Chairman Louie B. Nunn also said yesterday that he was unaware of any amnesty for the students. "I don't know of any amnesty that was promised anybody for anything," he said.

Smith, to whom the regents transferred most of KSU President John Wolfe Jr.'s powers last week, said she had received a report yesterday on damage to Hume Hall during the time it was held by the students. But she added that she had not thoroughly reviewed it.

Clayton Farmer, the school's director

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EKU requests \$141 million from state for 2-year budget

By Allen Blair

Herald-leader staff writer

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University has requested \$141 million in state funds for its 1992-94 biennial budget, University President Hanly Funderburk said at a Board of Regents' meeting yesterday.

The amount was determined from the Kentucky Council on Higher Education's budgeting formula, Funderburk said.

The \$141 million, tuition funds, donations and money from other sources will form the university's 1992-1994 budget.

The school seeks \$66 million for the 1992-93

academic year and \$75 million for the 1993-94 academic year.

"We expect the council to recommend 92 percent funding for the first year of the biennial and 100 percent for the second year," Funderburk said.

The university will also request \$1.5 million for education reform enhancements and \$28.4 million to help pay for two new buildings and to help fund extended campus centers in Corbin, Manchester and Danville.

The board also passed a resolution that said EKU would continue to provide classes at its extended campus centers and work with the

Council on Higher Education to improve services in the university's 22-county service area.

"What we're talking about here is following the guidelines of the council ... in developing and serving our assigned area," Funderburk said.

The University of Kentucky has proposed a new community college in the London and Corbin area where EKU has an extended campus center.

The board's resolution said "a recent study by the Council on Higher Education staff concluded that extended campus centers are more cost effective than new community colleges in providing access to public higher education."

Young faculty members are in a six-year probationary period, before a final decision must be made about inviting them to become part of the permanent faculty, an invitation to tenure. Since this is a serious decision, affecting 20 to 30 years of subsequent teaching and research, and a commitment of resources over a career amounting to more than \$1 million, an involved process is in place to make the decision. Everything from that process is available to the faculty member, except letters of evaluation from colleagues in the same department and evaluation letters requested from acknowledged experts in the faculty member's field. The openness of this process, and the exception for letters solicited from peers, was noted again in an Aug. 12 memo to all faculty from UK President Charles Wethington.

It has been general practice at most major research universities to treat external review letters and colleague evaluation letters as confidential, in order to encourage frank and objective evaluations.

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KSU to probe student takeover

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of facilities, said the damage included broken glass and a damaged lock on a door to the office of Karen Hardaway-Hill, vice president for student affairs. Farmer, who inspected the building early yesterday, said two storm windows in the rear of the building were also broken, as was a back-door lock.

"There's a couple of thousand dollars' worth of damage," he said.

The Hume Hall takeover was the latest incident in the weeks-old dispute at KSU between Wolfe and the regents. The regents have lodged

nine administrative charges against Wolfe, and a hearing that could lead to his ouster is scheduled to begin Friday.

Nunn also said he did not believe the board could legally meet one student demand, even if it wanted to.

The students called for a hearing on the administrative charges against Wolfe by an impartial body, instead of by the board of regents. Nunn, a lawyer and a former governor, said state law requires the regents to hold the hearing. "I don't think we have any choice," he said.

The Sunday Independent, Ashland, Kentucky October 13, 1991

Growing pains

ACC's rapid enrollment increases have created a serious space crunch

Despite this fall's opening of a learning resource center, Ashland Community College still is suffering from a severe case of growing pains. For that reason, a request for a new \$4.1 million humanities building for the two-year college has been given a high priority by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

The ACC project was second on UK's capital projects list, ranking it just behind an arts center for Hazard Community College. The ACC project is not based on future growth projections; it's what the college needs to adequately meet its current space requirements.

While certainly a boost for the project, the priority listing is no guarantee the building will be funded. It still must be approved by the Kentucky Council on Higher Education before going to the governor and General Assembly. With state government facing a \$150 million budget shortfall, it is uncertain how many capital projects will be funded by the 1992 legislature.

It took years of lobbying by ACC and UK officials before funding was approved for the learning resource center, and even then, legislators required a portion of that money to be raised locally. Because of all the delays, the building was needed for a number of years before it was constructed, and it was filled on the day it opened.

The rapid growth ACC has experienced in recent years is good news for both this community and the state. However, the college will not be able to adequately meet the demands of its students without more space. Regardless of how many students may want to attend ACC, the college can only offer so many classes with its current space limitations and that lack of space ultimately could thwart growth.

It is important that area legislators, political and civic leaders, and others join ACC and UK officials in lobbying for funds for the building. ACC cannot afford to wait as long for its next building as it did for the learning resource center.

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY.,
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Faculty members are allowed access to own UK records

The recent story about open faculty records at the University of Kentucky, and most especially a recent editorial, left a seriously flawed picture of the process now in place. Every faculty member has access, at any time, to his or her files, including written reports of every committee action, every letter signed by his or her unit director, dean, and/or other administrative officer.

KSU students end occupation of building

Protest ends abruptly; alumni president declares support for demonstrators

By Jim Warren,
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Herald-Leader staff writers

FRANKFORT — The student occupation of the administration building at Kentucky State University ended abruptly last night after the students apparently decided they had made their concerns fully known.

"It is over," said KSU Alumni Association President Vincent Bakeman, as the last students left Hume Hall at 10:35 p.m., about 45 hours after the occupation began.

There was no warning that students were ending their sit-in, which began early Friday. Only about two hours before the pull-out, Regina Thomas, a representative of Jesse Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, had insisted that the students wouldn't give up the building.

Bakeman gave no explanation of why the demonstration was ending, other than saying the students acted in an attempt to be "properly heard."

"We feel that the major problem with this university is the board (of regents)," Bakeman said, repeating an assertion he made earlier yesterday.

During an afternoon news conference, Bakeman said the alumni association supported the students, at the same time blasting KSU's Board of Regents, board Chairman Louie B. Nunn and Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

He charged that the board had "acted outside its bylaws," that Nunn used "divisive tactics" and that Wilkinson had not moved to resolve the running conflict between the regents and KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr.

The result was an "atmosphere of confusion and desperation" that led to the students' occupation of Hume Hall on Friday, Bakeman said.

The regents have charged Wolfe with nine counts of misconduct, and a hearing is set for Friday to remove him.

Small groups of students began leaving Hume Hall early last night, carrying bedding and bottles of water. After Bakeman spoke, the last remaining students vacated the building, while about 60 supporters clapped and sang gospel songs in support. Wolfe was with the group of students as they left.

They sang, "No more Louie Nunn over me ... Before I'll be a slave I'll be buried in my grave."

As they left, students called on Wilkinson to honor what they said was a pledge of immunity for the protesters. It was not clear when the immunity offer was made.

The students said they had left the building in good condition, but would pay for some minor damage. They also said they would pay for long-distance calls they made to their parents.

Earlier yesterday, Bakeman said there had been an implied threat from the governor's office Friday night to remove the students by force.

Wilkinson, through spokesman Doug Alexander, denied that assertion.

"The governor never issued an ultimatum," Alexander said. "The only thing he did was send a letter to the students through Dr. Mary Smith."

Yesterday afternoon, the students sent a hand-delivered letter to the governor's mansion calling for Wilkinson to act on four remaining demands.

Those demands included an impartial panel to consider the charges against Wolfe; an investigation on behalf of some KSU officials who were either fired or

investigated by the board; and a directive from Wilkinson ordering the board to apologize to Wolfe.

It wasn't immediately clear last night whether those demands would be honored.

At 4:30 p.m. yesterday, about 40 students emerged from the building, carrying signs and chanting slogans. They marched about a block to KSU's Bradford Hall, where they staged a brief demonstration. Other students and alumni attending KSU's homecoming looked on.

The students chanted "Nunn, gotta go, gotta go" and "I've got a feeling Wilkinson got Wolfe under attack, we ain't gonna stand no stuff like that."

The students spoke in support of Wolfe. But they said they would support Smith, KSU's executive vice president, as an interim president if Wolfe was unseated.

Bakeman then read a statement from the alumni association.

"We support the actions of the students of Hume Hall in principle as they attempt to raise the awareness of the insensitivities of the board. It is the position of the alumni association that ... these issues be addressed ... so that students can return to their studies in an atmosphere free of conflict and distraction."

As others have done, Bakeman contended that the dispute between Wolfe and the board was only a small part of the problem at KSU.

But he blamed the regents in general, and Nunn in particular, for interfering in day-to-day university operations that should have been left to Wolfe.

As a result, it is impossible to judge Wolfe's effectiveness, Bakeman said.

Campus officials made no apparent effort to discourage the sit-in yesterday.

Groups of student protesters entered and left Hume Hall throughout the day, with no effort made to hinder them.

Meanwhile, KSU homecoming activities continued as scheduled yesterday.

Thomas called it "the calmest takeover I've ever seen on a university."

Herald-Leader staff writer Chad Carlton contributed to this article.

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Students end KSU occupation after 2 days

By GIL LAWSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The occupation of Kentucky State University's administration building ended about 10:30 last night, nearly two days after students entered the building in protest.

The students — upset over the recent events surrounding the dispute between KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. and the school's regents — began leaving the building, Hume Hall, about 8 p.m.

Alumni Association President Vincent Bakeman came out at 10:30 and told reporters that the building had been emptied. He

also said Gov. Wallace Wilkinson had promised the students clemency.

Bakeman read a statement from the students that said they had not tried to disrupt the university. "Our only attempt was to be properly heard," the statement said.

Bakeman said alumni had promised to follow up the students' concerns. "We feel that the major problem with this university is its board of directors."

Last week the regents fired three administrators and brought charges against Wolfe that could lead to his ouster next Friday.

The students did not attain their main objective, which was to get Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to intervene in those personnel decisions by the board of regents.

Wolfe entered Hume Hall about 6:30 p.m. His wife, Bakeman and the Rev. Louis Coleman, a civil-rights leader and part-time KSU employee, also went into the building.

"They really feel good about what's been accomplished" even though Wilkinson declined to meet with the students while they occupied the building, Coleman said.

"We didn't feel like the governor responded like he should," Coleman added.

By 10:30, while reporters and photographers were kept away, the remaining students left the rear of the building.

About 75 students first entered the building shortly after 1 a.m. Friday and issued several demands. They said yesterday that school officials had agreed to some of their requests, which included adding a course on African-American history, more recruiting and retention of minority students, and more training for faculty so they could properly advise students.

Throughout the day yesterday, which was the school's homecoming, students entered and left the building through a rear window. There was no effort by campus police or other officials to keep them from re-entering the building.

At one point yesterday afternoon, about 40 of the students marched across the campus

and reiterated the requests they had made of Wilkinson. Those included a fair and impartial hearing for Wolfe by someone other than the regents; an investigation of the firing of Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, Wolfe's special assistant; and an investigation of the board's decision to evaluate LeRoy Summers, vice

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STUDENTS END OCCUPANCY (cont'd)

president for business affairs, and Karen Hardaway-Hill, vice president for student affairs.

Many of the students' comments and anger were directed toward board Chairman Louie Nunn, a former governor who has clashed with Wolfe in recent months.

Bakeman said the Alumni Association's directors had voted no confidence in the board Friday night, charging that it had interfered with Wolfe and the day-to-day operations of the historically black school. He said the regents' actions have made it impossible to properly evaluate Wolfe's effectiveness.

Bakeman also accused Wilkinson of "sabotaging" the situation by issuing a letter Friday saying it would be "ludicrous" to meet with "anyone illegally occupying a building."

Bakeman also said that Wilkinson had demanded on Friday night that the students leave Hume Hall within 30 minutes. Bakeman said this message was given to Mary Smith, the school's executive vice president and special assistant to the board of regents. He said the message was not relayed to the students and nothing ever came of it.

Smith could not be reached for comment yesterday.

But Wilkinson's press secretary, Doug Alexander, said last night that the governor had never issued such a deadline.

"He simply told the students in his letter, which Mary Smith read to them: 'I expect Hume Hall to be vacated and the university allowed to proceed without further interruption with the education of its students,'" Alexander said.

Wilkinson has stood behind the regents throughout the controversy.

The occupation yesterday drew little attention from alumni and others on campus for homecoming.

The students said that the building would require some minor repairs as a result of their occupation and that they would pay for them.

Information for this story was also gathered by staff writers Fran Ellers and Tom Loftus.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1991

KSU students occupy campus building, make some demands

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A group of Kentucky State University students took over the school's administration building early yesterday morning and said they would not leave until several demands were met by officials including Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

The demands included clemency for the protesters and mediation by a Student Government Association-appointed panel of clergymen of the ongoing dispute between the school's administration and board of regents.

The siege of Hume Hall, which continued long after dark, began shortly after 1 a.m. when an estimated 75 students entered the building. Officials were not sure how they got in the building, which was locked.

The action was the latest event in the controversy that led the school's governing board earlier this

week to fire three administrators and bring nine charges of incompetence, immoral conduct and neglect of duty against President John T. Wolfe Jr. A regents' hearing that could lead to Wolfe's ouster is set for next Friday.

Various civil rights groups have called for Wilkinson to replace the regents, and some have charged board Chairman Louie B. Nunn with racism. Wilkinson has refused to step into the issue but has said he supports the board, most of whose members he appointed.

Student leaders met on and off throughout the day with KSU officials, the school's alumni president, Vincent Bakeman, and civil rights leaders to negotiate the demands and the students' departure from the historic mid-campus building. One student leader said the takeover of Hume Hall was not connected to Wolfe's problems.

"I cannot stress enough this doesn't revolve around the president. It's the university. The university must go on regardless of who's at the helm," said Calvin Chatman, a junior from Chicago.

Sandra Bassett, a Detroit junior, said the peaceful action was taken to "preserve the original mission of KSU." She declined to elaborate.

KSU, once the state's only college for blacks, currently has the most integrated faculty and student body of Kentucky's state universities. But many of its supporters have contended that officials may be planning to reduce it to a two-year community college. Wilkinson and Nunn have both said they know of no such plan.

Other student demands included "a complete investigation" of the school's financial affairs and a reconstituted board of regents composed entirely of KSU alumni. KSU's current board has only one alumnus, and one student. An all-alumni board would require General Assembly action.

The students also demanded that Mary Smith, a veteran campus administrator who was handed most of Wolfe's powers by the board last week, and others "cease their interference" with homecoming activities this weekend. There was no elaboration on that demand, but Smith, KSU's executive vice president and special assistant to the board, reportedly ordered some entertainment contracts for homecoming activities canceled.

The students issued a separate set of demands to Wilkinson, including the governor's written assurance that KSU would remain a four-year, liberal arts school. The other demands on the governor included a fair and impartial hearing for Wolfe and an explanation of the board's call for an evaluation of LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs, and Karen Hardaway-Hill, student affairs vice president. The board reserved judgment last week on the two vice presidents' contracts, which remain unapproved.

The students also demanded that Wilkinson instruct the regents to issue a formal apology to Wolfe for its "insensitivity" to him.

A Wilkinson representative delivered a sealed envelope to Smith about 3 p.m. It was apparently that message that student leader Rodney Hardin read to reporters about 6:30 p.m. Hardin said the governor's message called the students' actions "unfortunate and divisive. The unauthorized occupation of a university building cannot be condoned," Wilkinson wrote. "The idea that I would meet with, negotiate with, or

a building is ludicrous," he added. As Smith left a negotiation session about 4 p.m., she acknowledged that she had spoken with Wilkinson during the day. "He said he simply wanted the students peaceably leave (Hume Hall) they came in," she said. "That's our goal, to get them out in a peaceful manner."

About 4:30 p.m., Wolfe also briefly left the negotiation session and said he was concerned with the students' well-being. He declined comment further, but he later told reporters that students had asked him to come to the campus to negotiate their demands. Asked if he agreed with their actions, he said: "I think the students are doing what they deem to be right to get their views expressed and heard."

About 6 p.m. student leaders Bassett and Hardin also left the session in the Carl M. Hill Student Center and said they wanted until 8 p.m. to make a decision on what option they might have for ending the stand-off. In the meantime, they also said they wanted to discuss these options with community leaders, including state Rep. C. M. "Hank" Hancock of Frankfort and state Sen. Gerald Neal of Louisville.

While campus officials were uncertain how the students got into Hume Hall, one administrator speculated that someone may have unlocked a door for them. "Our professional locksmith didn't think a lock was jimmied," said Clayton Farmer, KSU's director of facilities management. A lock on a rear door to the building appeared to have been tampered with, but Farmer said the damage was not sufficient to have opened the door.

"You're looking at a \$200 lock. You'd almost have to break the whole door jamb to get in there," Farmer added.

Farmer also said a subordinate had told him that six two-way radios were picked up around 10:30 p.m. Friday at the physical plant motor pool and that two of the \$800 radios had been distributed to student protesters.

Vice president Summers said later that he gave the radios to the students "so that we could communicate with them."

Hardin said later that no KSU officials had any prior knowledge of the Hume Hall takeover.

The protesting students spent at least part of the day in Wolfe's office making some long-distance telephone calls. At least two calls were made to the Washington headquarters of the Rainbow Coalition, a national organization headed by the Rev. Jesse Jackson that promotes peace and justice. Regina Thomas, a Jackson representative, was on campus yesterday.

Farmer said university officials had shut down all but one telephone line in Hume Hall by mid-afternoon.

Capt. Michael Duncan, head of the Kentucky State Police's Frankfort post, went to the campus around 11 a.m. and conferred briefly with KSU Police Chief John Mason. Duncan said Mason "has things in hand." But Duncan also acknowledged that state police had been alerted in case they were needed on the campus.

Tim Owens, a KSU employee, said the takeover of Hume Hall reminded him of the student protest era of the 1960s.

"When I went to bed last night, it was 1991. When I got up, it was 1968 all over again."

Information for this story was also

Students occupy administration building at KSU

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — At least 75 Kentucky State University students locked themselves in the school's administration building yesterday in an attempt to drum up support for the beleaguered school.

Administrators, civil rights groups, ministers and student leaders met throughout the day to try to bring an end to the sit-in, which began about 1 a.m.

About 9 p.m., Mary L. Smith, executive assistant to the school's Board of Regents said, "This is it for the night."

Smith, one of the chief negotiators, said she had spoken with Gov. Wallace Wilkinson and they had decided to "let it go tonight."

The issue of punishment for the students also is now up in the air. Smith said they were offered immunity at one point yesterday. But she "couldn't guarantee that now," she said before going home.

Doug Alexander, Wilkinson's press secretary, said the governor was going to monitor the situation this weekend, but no plans had been made.

"Obviously there may come a time when something has to be done," he said shortly after 9 p.m. "I'm not, as you know, into fortune-telling."

"But right now, they're in the building. They shouldn't be there. We'll see what happens."

No incidents were reported yesterday. Campus police patrolled the area but made no attempts to enter the building. State police were on alert if the situation warranted action, said Capt. Michael Duncan.

Students vowed to stay in the building until their demands were met. As the day wore on, some items seemed more and more unlikely, such as a meeting with Wilkinson.

Wilkinson's response to that demand, read by senior Sandra Bassett about 6 p.m., said the students' actions were "unfortunate and divisive."

"The unauthorized occupation of the university building cannot be condoned," Bassett said, quoting Wilkinson's response. "The idea that I would meet with, negotiate with, or speak to anyone illegally occupying a building is ludicrous."

"I expect Hume Hall to be vacated and the university to be allowed to proceed without any interruption of the education of the students."

About 8:35 p.m., Kesha Stone, president of the school's Student Government Association, appeared at a back window of Hume Hall and said students wanted the governor to replace his statement with one that called their actions "fortunate and unified."

Stone also called on Wilkinson to say that he would negotiate with them, and that he expected Hume Hall to be vacated only when the students' demands were met.

Alexander said Wilkinson would not respond to Stone's request. "The governor said in his

letter earlier in the day what he had to say," Alexander said.

There was no word last night whether the other requirements would be honored. The list of demands changed throughout the day, as negotiators met behind locked doors in the Carl M. Hill Student Center.

About 11:30 a.m., junior Calvin Chatman said Hume Hall had been peacefully taken over because the students "want to preserve the original mission of KSU." KSU was founded in 1886 as the state's only college for blacks.

"We are not forcibly holding anyone inside against their will," Chatman went on to say. "The students will be using their time productively by studying and assisting their classmates."

The first list of demands asked for exoneration of all students involved in the sit-in; an investigation of KSU's finances; and creation of a panel of ministers to mediate the conflict between administrators and the board.

Chatman said students also wanted assurance that homecoming activities would not be interfered with, and a promise that the regents would be replaced with active alumni.

KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. has been battling with the board — especially chairman Louie B. Nunn — over personnel appointments for nearly four months.

Regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration and asked him to resign last month after learning that he had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

On Monday, the board levied nine charges of misconduct, incompetence and neglect of duty against Wolfe and stripped him of his power to spend school money.

A formal apology to Wolfe was a new requirement when Bassett and sophomore Rodney Hardin released another set of demands about 6 p.m.

That list also included increased recruitment of minority students, the addition of an African-American history course, written assurances that KSU will remain a four-year college and a "fair" hearing to consider the nine allegations of misconduct against Wolfe.

"We didn't want to be disruptive," Hardin said. "This was entirely a student issue."

"Everything has been peaceful and calm."

No school official yesterday admitted knowing how the students entered Hume Hall, which houses offices for most of the university's top administrators, including Wolfe.

The campus police department is in the basement.

Hume Hall was put under tight security when it was reported that Wolfe had received death threats. Campus police officers have since checked every visitor with handheld metal detectors.

The top of a lock on the back door had been bent yesterday morning, but Clayton Farmer, the school's administrator of facilities, said a campus locksmith did not think the door had been pried open.

Farmer said top-level school officials had keys to the building. But Wolfe said yesterday that he had no idea how students entered. "People are working on that," he said.

"As students have expressed to me, this was totally and independently their action."

Smith, the once-interim president who was given Wolfe's fiscal powers Monday, was called to the building just after the 1 a.m. takeover. Wolfe appeared just after 3 in the morning.

Student leaders periodically left the building through a back window to speak to reporters and present their demands. Other students often tried to hide their moves with umbrellas, books and jackets.

Some carried portable, university-owned two-way radios that allowed them to speak with campus police and negotiators.

LeRoy Summers, the vice president for business and treasurer, said they were given the radios "for communication purposes."

Regena Thomas, metropolitan coordinator for the Rev. Jesse Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition, also was on campus yesterday. She said she was sent to keep Jackson, who spoke on campus last week, abreast of the takeover.

Many details were vague and came in sudden press conferences when students or school leaders made brief appearances.

About 4:45 p.m., Wolfe appeared outside the student center "to get some air." He said he didn't expect the takeover to happen, "but I would like for it to be resolved as quickly as possible."

"I'm working as hard as I can and I will stay up as long as it takes to get that resolved," said Wolfe, his first remarks to Kentucky news media in about three weeks.

"I think the students are doing what they believe is right to get their concerns expressed and heard. I would hope that after extensive reason, discourse and dialogue, they will see the wisdom of an action to move us forward and bring some resolution."

Whether the students will be punished for their actions will be addressed "at an appropriate time," he said.

Conditions for ending sit-in

Herald-Leader staff report

These were the demands of the Kentucky State University students occupying an administration building.

The first list of demands, issued at 11:30 a.m., called for:

- Complete exoneration of all students involved in the sit-in.

- An investigation into the financial affairs at KSU.

- A panel of ministers — selected by the Student Government Association — to mediate the conflict between the Board of Regents and the administration.

- An assurance that administrators will not interfere with homecoming activities this weekend.

- The board to be replaced by

active alumni. Kentucky law, however, requires governing boards to consist of eight regents, including one student and one faculty member. Not more than two members can reside in the same county, and the board has to be split by political affiliation.

The second list, given at 6 p.m., was called the "initial demands:"

- Increased recruitment and retention of minority students.

- Addition of an African-American history course.

- Written assurances that KSU remain a four-year liberal arts college. Civil rights leaders and students have expressed concern that the board wants to make the university a community or junior college.

- Advisory training for faculty

and mentors.

- A formal apology to actors Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, the celebrity grand marshals for the homecoming activities whose appearances were canceled Thursday.

- A promise that homecoming activities not be interrupted.

- Full amnesty for students participating in the sit-in.

- Investigation of all KSU financial affairs since 1988.

- A fair hearing to consider the nine allegations of misconduct against KSU President John Wolfe Jr. on Monday. The panel would be made up of five people, including a student government designee, an alumnus, a faculty member, and two at-large seats appointed by board chairman Louie Nunn or Gov. Wallace Wil-

kinson.

- A formal apology to Wolfe "because of the insensitivities shown to him during the board meetings."

- Investigation on behalf of Karen Hardaway Hill, vice president for student affairs; LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs and treasurer; and Nashid Fakhrid-Deen, Wolfe's executive assistant. Regents did not approve or fire Hill and Summers at its last meeting. The members said they wanted to reserve that right for a later date. Fakhrid-Deen was fired.

- A meeting with state Rep. Hank Hancock, D-Frankfort, and Sen. Gerald Neal, D-Louisville, who is the only black state senator.

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Cowan asked to investigate appointments

By Jack Brammer

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FRANKFORT — Several civil rights leaders yesterday asked Attorney General Fred Cowan to investigate reasons for Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's board appointments at Kentucky State University and two other universities.

They also asked Cowan to investigate Wilkinson's "hands-off practices with problem board members who overstep" their jurisdiction and cause "campus unrest."

The activists' closed-door visit to Cowan's office in the Capitol came a day after they asked federal investigators to look into their charges concerning KSU Board of Regents Chairman Louie Nunn.

They alleged that Nunn —

whom Wilkinson appointed to the board — violated the civil rights of KSU President John T. Wolfe Jr. and others, forced KSU to award contracts to companies he specified, might have used illegal wiretaps and might have submitted false travel expenses to the university.

After meeting with Cowan yesterday, the civil rights leaders gave reporters copies of their request to the attorney general.

They specifically asked Cowan to investigate the reasons for Wilkinson's board appointments at KSU, the University of Kentucky and Murray State University.

Concerning UK, they mentioned a former board member "who made racial slurs." They were referring to the late Gov. A.B. "Happy" Chan-

dlar.

Concerning Murray State, they referred to appointees responsible for Kala Stroup's leaving as president.

Wilkinson had no immediate comment. Nunn has said the charges are absurd.

Cowan said he would review the activists' information. He wouldn't comment on whether he had received enough information to conduct an investigation.

"They are raising serious questions," he said. "It's not simply a legal matter. We have a highly emotional, complex situation here."

Reporters asked Cowan if the student sit-in at KSU was legal. He declined to comment.

Meanwhile, Wilkinson canceled

a series of news conferences in Western Kentucky yesterday afternoon to monitor the KSU sit-in, said press secretary Doug Alexander.

Wilkinson chief of staff David McAnelly told the civil rights leaders that the administration viewed the sit-in as "no problem as long as everything stays peaceful."

The civil rights leaders said they wanted to be sure that the students were in no danger.

The Rev. Louis Coleman, a spokesman for the leaders, was asked if the students were violating any law.

"The students have to show their dissatisfaction in some fashion," he said.

Louie Nunn no stranger to state university strife

By Todd Pack

Herald-Leader staff writer

FRANKFORT — The students marched in protest, and activists had nothing good to say about Louie B. Nunn.

That was in 1970, at the University of Kentucky.

Nunn was governor, the students were protesting the Vietnam War, and the activists were outraged that Nunn called in the National Guard to quell a student riot.

A generation later, Nunn, who left the governor's office in 1971, is again in the midst of campus unrest — this time at Kentucky State University.

Nunn, 67, a white conservative Republican named to KSU's board of regents in 1989 after nearly three years as chairman of the board at then-troubled Morehead State University, has been accused of racism and of trying to dismantle the state's historically black college.

His critics in recent days have met with state and federal prosecutors to talk about whether he padded his travel expense accounts or violated laws about awarding university contracts.

Nunn, who is known for rarely mincing his words, said he has nothing to hide and that the board is trying to purge the school of bad leadership.

"The question that's involved is the management of the university, and that is the only issue," he said, "not finances and not black and white."

Racial or not?

The dispute at KSU has centered on allegations that President John Wolfe Jr. misspent school money and gave himself a 9.5 percent raise, apparently in violation of his contract. Wolfe is black.

"Governor Nunn has a record of wanting to do away with Kentucky State," said the Rev. Louis Coleman, a civil rights activist and KSU alumnus.

"I don't think he has the best interest of the university at heart," said Shelby Lanier, president of the Louisville chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The issue of race has become so prominent that Jesse Jackson, civil rights activist and former presidential candidate, visited campus last Sunday and offered to help work out a settlement.

Nunn, during an interview last week at his 850-acre farm in Barren County, said he thought the racial issue was meant to draw attention from other issues.

"I'm of the opinion that the lack of information, misinformation, half truths and untruths have tended to polarize the matter into a racial issue," he said.

The reason for that is "to distract attention away from the very important issues of, one, trying to save the university, and two, provide the campus with an atmosphere that is inviting to all students," Nunn said.

"It's being created for personal reasons to protect certain people — that's the simplest way to say it," he said.

Some of the people who support Wolfe and criticize the regents are sincere, Nunn said, but "some, a few, some, a limited number, are using people just as they've used them in the past."

He declined to discuss who he thought was using whom, nor would he talk about the specific charges filed against Wolfe.

Earlier controversies

Nunn, a lawyer and former Barren County judge-executive, has been in the political hot seat before.

He beat Henry Ward in the 1967 governor's race on a promise that he would not raise taxes.

But facing a state debt of \$24 million, he was forced to raise the sales tax from three cents to a nickel. It became known as "Nunn's nickel."

In 1970, after the bombing of Cambodia, UK students protested by burning a small house used by the Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Nunn called in the Guard and went to campus himself to confront the students.

After leaving office, he practiced law in Lexington. He ran for the U.S. Senate in 1972 but lost to Walter "Dee" Huddleston.

Nunn ran for a second term as governor in 1979 but was beaten by John Y. Brown Jr.

After losing that election, he returned to his law practice. But in 1986, then-Gov. Martha Layne Collins named him and seven others to the replace the board at Morehead State University. Nunn was made chairman.

"We had a president whose administration was in trouble," said MSU regent Charles Wheeler, one of Collins' appointees.

MSU President Herb Reinhard was facing budget problems and a declining enrollment. The previous board turned down his request to extend his contract for another year.

"Governor Nunn helped ensure a smooth transition and helped the president leave gracefully," Wheeler said.

After getting MSU back on track, Nunn was moved by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to KSU. He was again made chairman.

KSU's president at the time, Raymond Burse, had been praised for raising academic standards and untangling the school's financial affairs, but he was blamed for low morale and high job turnover.

After Burse resigned, the regents in 1990 fired John Wolfe Jr. as KSU's 10th president.

However, last Monday they filed nine charges against Wolfe. A hearing is set for Friday.

Wolfe's supporters, including some students, faculty and alumni, said the board should have given Wolfe time to straighten out problems at the university.

Wolfe has declined to talk about the charges against him.

He's not shy

Lanier of the NAACP said that, by moving to oust Wolfe, Nunn appeared to be setting the stage for sweeping changes at KSU, which was founded in 1886 as the state's only college for blacks.

Nunn denied that. "We need to see that the tradition of the university is not lost," he said. "It should be remembered as a traditional black university."

"That's important to the alumni," Nunn said, "and it's important to some of the students who want to come here now."

Some of the people who have worked with Nunn in the past said it was unlikely he had any hidden agenda for KSU.

"Maybe the simplest way to say it is that he's not shy about stating what's on his mind," said Gary Cox, executive director of the state Council on Higher Education.

"It's not difficult to guess what's on his mind because he'll tell you," said A.D. Albright, a former president at Kentucky State University who briefly replaced Reinhard as president of MSU.

Although his critics have called for his resignation, Nunn, whose term on the KSU board expires in January, said he has no plans to step down early.

"If the world was made up of quitters and those who backed away every time some false accusation's made against them, why, we wouldn't have anybody out in front anymore," he said.



Gladiators Wolfe, Nunn should leave KSU arena

A little-noticed news brief that appeared in this newspaper last year holds the answer to the problems occurring at Kentucky State University in Frankfort.

The item was about a report commissioned by the university's regents just before John T. Wolfe Jr., KSU's president, stepped into office. In it, A.D. Albright, the former head of three Kentucky universities, said some big changes needed to take place quickly at the state's smallest public university or it "could become almost a community college."

It doesn't appear the regents took Albright's advice. It's back to politics as usual at K State.

Once again, about 1½ years after the regents proudly announced the selection of Wolfe to lead KSU's voyage into the future, the traditionally black school has run into trouble.

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, the board chairman, and Wolfe are acting like a couple of gladiators clashing over who will stand alone to fight the dragon that is breathing fire over the hamlet.

While all energies are focused on that manly battle, the hamlet is burning to the ground.

Wolfe and Nunn should both resign their positions with KSU and let someone else direct the university before it is destroyed by neglect.

After the regents selected Wolfe as president, Nunn was quoted as saying he expected Wolfe to be patient and to "give everybody a chance."

"If they don't take advantage of those opportunities, I don't think he will put up with that. He's not one to diddle-daddle."

Nunn liked that then. He doesn't now.

Wolfe, after being selected, said one of the first things he had to do was to become familiar with the state's elected leaders, the Frankfort community and all the people who care about KSU and have a role in charting its future. "I have to become a student myself."

For all intents and purposes, it appears he flunked.

That's bad for KSU. While all that fighting is taking place, the suggestions Albright made in a 45-page report probably won't see the light of day.

The report suggested that KSU's mission needed to be changed, that admission standards should be raised, that fewer students should be admitted from out of state, that the

school should develop a more diverse curriculum, that the school's administration needed to be reorganized and that an image-boosting marketing effort needed to get under way.

Without those changes, Albright said, "the mission of building a unique, small, liberal studies university will be diminished."

What that all means is that the hamlet is being destroyed while those who can save it are bickering among themselves.

I don't think any two men in this state or in this country are more important than an institution of higher learning.

KSU was here long before either of them. The point now is to make sure it's here long after.

Nunn hasn't been a favorite of mine since, as governor, he ordered the National Guard, bayonets affixed, to the University of Kentucky campus in 1970.

It was far too much of a show of force for far too little reason.

And Wolfe, in this time of austerity for nearly every university in the land, should have shown better judgment than to commit \$100,000 in public money to elaborate electronics and the redecoration of a house.

"When you have an absence of leadership, faculty are left to their own devices," Wolfe once said. "I believe in accountability very strongly."

So do I. That's why Wolfe and Nunn must go.

It's time to slay the dragon.

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College recruiters cast nets overseas

Faced with a decreased pool of candidates at home, U.S. colleges and universities are working harder to attract foreign students.

By Ralph Vigoda
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PHILADELPHIA — Neil Holtzman is packing his brochures, college catalogues and course lists.

He is leaving next week on a recruiting trip to find students for Beaver College, a four-year school with 750 full-time students in suburban Glenside, Montgomery County, Pa.

He is not going to New Jersey or New York or New England.

He is going to Kuala Lumpur and Singapore and Hong Kong and Taipei.

He is not going alone.

Representatives from 14 other U.S. schools, mostly from the East, will join Holtzman for as much as three weeks, speaking at college fairs, visiting high schools and contacting government agencies, trying to persuade the best and the brightest in seven Asian countries to continue their educations in the United

"We are becoming much more aggressive and looking for ways in which we can bring our college to the attention of potential students," said Holtzman, Beaver's director of admissions.

It is just one more indication that the baby boom generation did not go forth and multiply. For more than a decade, enrollment has declined in U.S. elementary and high schools; consequently, there is more competition for fewer high school graduates.

"We certainly are experiencing, as most places, the lack of the traditional-age student," said Sister Margaret Anne Birtwistle, admissions director at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, who will be on the Asian tour.

"Colleges and universities have always welcomed students from overseas," said William Larkin, dean of students at Widener University in Chester, Pa., who says 75 to 80 schools are looking for students around the world. "The vast recruitment in the past has always been by word of mouth, often through alumni who live in foreign countries. It's only been in the last few years that we've begun to recruit them in a methodical way."

Numerous companies have sprung up to take care of the details of organizing college recruiting around the world. For instance, the group sponsoring the forthcoming Asian trip, Consultants for Education Resources & Research Inc. in Washington, started its tours three years ago and began one to the Caribbean in December. Other groups go to Europe, Latin America and South America.

"What happens is not much different than when U.S. colleges visit high schools in this country," said Holtzman, who has gone the tour route before. "We set up in an area, and folks can come by and visit with colleges. They find out what we are, fill out information cards and we follow up later on."

He said the recruiting trip would cost about \$6,500, which includes accommodations, flights and some meals.

Focus on Asia

Asia is a particularly popular spot. Recruiters say students there receive a strong, disciplined secondary education but can't always find space in colleges and universities. Therefore, they seek schooling in Europe, Australia and the United States.

Some junior colleges in Asia are specifically designed to have their students transfer to the United States, Larkin said. In addition, he said, some schools that offer intensive English-language instruction "act as quasi-placement services to get students into American schools."

But college officials cite more than declining numbers for their overseas recruiting. They have, they say, a desire to bring cultural diversity to campus.

"I do push a great deal for a more diverse student body," said Annette Lucas, assistant academic dean at Ursinus College in suburban Collegeville, Pa., which has a representative on the Asian tour. "It is good for our students; the world is shrinking in terms of cultural and intellectual changes. It is crucial for us to have students from abroad

BLUEGRASS STATE POLL

Athletics overshadow academics, most say

By DAVE KOERNER
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A large proportion of Kentuckians think that many universities with big-time sports programs have not given academics proper priority over athletics, according to the latest Bluegrass State Poll.

The poll found that three-fourths of Kentuckians interviewed agreed in general that academics take a back seat to athletics.

But when asked about their own state's two largest universities, the 809 adults questioned were less critical. Although many people said they didn't know enough to answer, 33 percent said the University of Kentucky has given academics proper priority over athletics, while 29 percent said it has not. For the University of Louisville, the percentages were 23 and 28, respectively.

The poll also looked at what sports fans of each of the two schools thought.

U of L fans were about evenly split; 43 percent said U of L has given proper priority to academics over athletics, but 39 percent said the school has not.

UK fans were more supportive of their school; 47 percent said UK has given proper priority to academics, and 29 percent said it has not.

In other poll findings, virtually everyone interviewed said that college athletes should be held to the same academic standards as other students, and 85 percent said that football and basketball players should be expected to graduate from college in four to five years.

The poll, which was conducted Sept. 26-30 following a seven-part series in The Courier-Journal on problems facing college athletics, also found that:

■ 72 percent of Kentuckians tend to agree that "big-time college athletics have gotten out of control." While the question did not go into specifics, the finding may reflect the fact that many major-college athletic programs have been criticized in recent years for recruiting violations, improper payments to players, low graduation rates, quickly rising spending and large incomes for coaches.

■ 68 percent of Kentuckians follow college sports. Among these fans, 59 percent identified themselves as UK fans, 18 percent as U of L fans and 5 percent as fans of both schools. Between 1 and 2 percent each followed Western Kentucky, Eastern Kentucky, Murray State and Morehead State universities.

Among Jefferson County residents, 53 percent of those who follow college sports said they were U of L fans; 28 percent followed UK; and 10 percent followed both.

Outside Jefferson County, 68 percent were UK fans; 8 percent were U of L fans; and 4 percent followed both.

■ One-fourth of Kentuckians believe that athletes should receive a salary in addition to their scholarships, but 65 percent believe that paying players has no place in college athletics.

Of those who supported a salary, 7 percent favored about \$50 a month, 25 percent \$100 a month, 42

percent \$500 or more. Fifteen percent said they were undecided.

Paying players is prohibited by rules governing college sports, but some observers argue there would be less cheating if players had a salary for basic expenses such as clothing and travel home.

U of L basketball coach Denny Crum, U of L football coach Howard Schnellenberger and UK athletics director C.M. Newton were asked to respond to some of the findings.

Crum agreed that many people probably think that academics don't have proper priority over sports, as the poll found. But he said, "That's certainly not true here. We spend over \$400,000 a year on academic support services just for student athletes."

Said Newton, "I think the obvious answer is that there have been abuses in some programs. I don't think the abuses are as widespread as the public often times is led to believe. But there have been (abuses) and I think when you have that, people have the tendency to generalize."

"I think the media... have been responsible for a lot of these perceptions."

Regarding the 72 percent majority of Kentuckians who believe that big-time college athletics are out of control, Schnellenberger said, "I can understand why 72 percent, if not 80 percent, think that.... That's been an hypothesis carried on the national wire and the national scene, and obviously that 72 percent only have the opportunity to understand what they read and hear."

"It gets a little tiresome when the Johnny-come-latelies speak in terms of what's wrong with college athletics, not knowing the improvements that have been made over the last 40 years."

Of the fact that U of L fans are more likely than Kentuckians in general to say U of L places the proper priority on academics, Crum said that makes sense because most fans of a university are more in touch with that school's programs.

Some said that most Kentuckians who aren't U of L fans probably don't understand the school's athletic programs.

"They don't know we have mandatory study hours," he said. "They don't know we have mandatory class attendance. They don't know we have tutors. But to the regular fan that has heard the coaches speak and has been involved in programs — like boosters — that makes more sense."

On athletes being held to the same academic standards as other students, Crum said, "That's the way it should be, but that's not the way it is. At (U of L), our student athletes' standards are higher than the regular student body; regular students don't have to have a C average to participate in extracurricular activities. But student athletes do."

On the finding that 85 percent said athletes should graduate in four to five years, Newton said, "I'm not sure I can buy that, simply because most students don't graduate in four years."

Said Crum, "(U of L) graduates only 20 percent of all students in a five-year period, so why should athletes have to graduate any faster than the regular student body?"

However, U of L administrators said Friday that they believe most students hold full- or part-time jobs and generally can't take the number of courses they need to graduate in four or five years.

The poll's margin of error means that, in theory, in 19 of 20 cases the poll results would differ by no more than 3.4 percentage points from the results that would have been obtained by questioning all adults in Kentucky with telephones. The Bluegrass State Poll asked:

Let me ask you several questions about college athletics. Do you tend to agree or disagree that big-time college athletics have gotten out of control?

Should college athletes be held to the same standards as other students?

Should football and basketball players be expected to graduate within four or five years after entering college?

Do you agree or disagree that many universities with big-time athletics have not given their academic programs proper priority over their athletic programs?

Do you think the University of Louisville/University of Kentucky has or has not given its academic program proper priority over its athletic program? (The order in which these questions were asked was rotated from interview to interview.)

Athletic scholarships primarily cover tuition, room and board. Do you think college athletes should also be paid a monthly salary for basic expenses they couldn't ordinarily afford, or do you think that paying players has no place in college athletics?

(Those who said athletes should be paid were asked.) About how much should this monthly salary be, over and above what's covered by a scholarship? Should it be around \$50 a month, \$100, \$200, \$500, or more than \$500 a month?

Do you follow any college sports, or not? (If yes,) Do you have a favorite Kentucky college team? (If yes,) Which college is that?

How the poll was conducted

The BLUEGRASS STATE POLL®, directed by Mark Schneider, research manager of The Courier-Journal, is based on interviews with 809 Kentuckians 18 years of age or older.

Trained and supervised interviewers, calling from Louisville, contacted households with telephone numbers randomly selected by a computer. One adult in each household then was randomly selected, eliminating interviewers' choices in selecting people to be interviewed.

The results have been weighted to properly balance the sample by age, sex and regions of the state.

Percentages based on the full poll sample are subject to a margin of error of 3.4 percentage points above or below what was reported. Percentages based on subsamples are subject to a higher potential margin of error. For instance, results based on the 314 people who said they are University of Kentucky fans are subject to a margin of error of 5.5 points, and results among the 104 University of Louisville fans are subject to a margin of error of 9.6 points.

In addition to these sampling errors, the practical difficulties of conducting any survey can also influence the results.

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Q Do you agree or disagree that many universities with big-time athletics have not given their academic programs proper priority over their athletic programs?

Agree **75%**

Disagree **10%**

Don't Know / Other Answers **15%**

Q Should college athletes be held to the same standards as other students?

Yes **93%**

No **4%**

Don't Know / Other Answers **4%**

Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. The poll is based on interviews with 809 Kentucky adults.

STAFF CHART BY STEVE DURBIN

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WKU president in the running for top job at Florida university

By CYNTHIA CROSSLEY
Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University President Thomas C. Meredith is in the running for the presidency of the University of Central Florida in Orlando, which one Western regent said reflected a rift between Meredith and several regents, including Chairman Joe Iracane.

"He's tired of fooling with four or five regents who are a continual nuisance and only want to run the university," said regent Bobby Bartley of Glasgow, who named Iracane and regents Patsy Judd, Robert Chambless and Danny Butler. "All they're interested in is sports and penny-ante stuff."

Iracane called Bartley's charges "a very serious and silly accusation that's ridiculous." He also said he thought Bartley was overreacting. Good presidents attract job offers, Iracane said, and since Meredith is one of 33 candidates, it is too early to worry about losing him.

"We're a long way from a touchdown," Iracane said. "But if he becomes first, second or third, then I will be very concerned, and at that time we will discuss where we are



Meredith

and what we need to do to let him stay."

For his part, Meredith said, "I really shouldn't comment on any comments made by board members."

But Meredith, who came to Western from the University of Mississippi in August 1988, did say: "I love being at Western Kentucky University and I love being back in Kentucky. My candidacy in no way reflects on the wonderful students and outstanding faculty and staff here."

Meredith said he did not seek the position himself but was invited to be in a pool of candidates. He said this is the fourth time he's been asked to be a candidate for a top job at another school since he's been at Western, but the first time he's agreed to consider another job.

"I felt I should explore that option at this time," Meredith said. "Central Florida is the fastest-growing university, it's located in an exciting area, and it has an outstanding reputation even though it's not very old."

Samantha Eaddy, news director at the Florida university, said the list of 33 remaining candidates will be reviewed today by a presidential-

search advisory council. She said 142 people had applied or had been nominated.

The council will offer comments and recommendations to Florida's state Board of Regents, which oversees Florida's nine state universities. The regents are scheduled to narrow the list to 10 names on Thursday and hope to name a president by Dec. 4.

Central Florida's previous president, Steve Altman, resigned under pressure early in the summer after school officials learned that he was using escort services when on university business in other cities, Eaddy said. Altman, who paid for the services out of his own pocket, claimed he had been using only massage services, Eaddy said.

The University of Central Florida has an enrollment of 21,500; the school's specialties are engineering and computer science. Western's enrollment is 15,720.

Another Western regent, Stephen Catron of Bowling Green, declined to comment on Bartley's charges.

But Catron noted that Meredith and his wife, Susan, have become very popular in Bowling Green, and added: "A lot of people in this community are extremely concerned about Tom's future at Western. He has been an enormously positive influence for the school."

The Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky Monday, October 14, 1991

A celebration

For 75 years, Alice Lloyd College has played a key role in providing quality education to eastern Kentucky's young people, and alumni and friends this week will celebrate that achievement.

The three-day event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday with an original drama about the school. Films about the college will be shown Thursday afternoon and evening.

The celebration's highlight will come when the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra performs Aaron Copeland's "Appalachian Spring" at 7:30 p.m. Friday. There is no charge for any of the events, which will be at the college in Pippa Passes.

Educational opportunities in eastern Kentucky were extremely limited when Alice Lloyd founded Caney Creek School in 1916. Lloyd dedicated her life to teaching generations of poor mountain youths, and scores of alumni have gone on to achieve tremendous success in life.

The small, private college has a loyal corps of alumni and supporters. This week gives them added reason to celebrate the school's achievements.

Happy anniversary, Alice Lloyd College. May there be many more.

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1991

EKU honors program granted \$102,000

RICHMOND — Eastern Kentucky University's honors program received a \$102,000 grant last week from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The university's honors program provides additional course work and extracurricular opportunities for those accepted to the program. EKU began the program in 1988; about 115 students are enrolled in it.

The money the program has received will help develop more honors courses and provide about 10 additional instructors, said Bonnie Gray, honors program director.

Non-faculty employees at U of L blast Swain's 22 percent pay increase

By BEN Z. HERSHBERG
Staff Writer

The University of Louisville's non-faculty employees yesterday called President Donald Swain's 22 percent pay increase this year a "slap in the face" and challenged him to explain why he accepted the increase at a time of belt-tightening at the university.

The university's staff senate, which represents more than 2,700 U of L employees, voted for chairwoman Jenny Madden to write to Swain asking him to explain the increase, which exceeded the 8 percent average given staff and faculty and the 12 and 14 percent maximums for staff and faculty.

Those limits were set last spring by Swain at a time when he was expressing concern about the university's financial future and calling for a major reorganization that will cut programs and departments within two to three years.

Swain's salary of \$155,000, as of July 1, was up from \$127,279 in the last fiscal year. The raise also prompted the faculty senate to demand an explanation earlier this month.

Swain wasn't available for comment yesterday. But Louisville lawyer Robert Benson, chairman of the university's board of trustees, said he believes Swain's salary increase was justified. The board thought he had done an excellent job and wanted to bring his salary in line with other university presidents' and retain him, Benson said.

Last spring, when the board was discussing Swain's raise, it learned that University of Kentucky Presi-

dent Charles Wethington was to be paid \$157,955 this year, and it wanted to bring Swain's salary about in line with that of the leader of the state's other large public university, Benson said.

Edward Laster, chairman of the staff senate last spring when Swain's raise was negotiated, said he had urged the board to keep it in the percentage range of what was given other employees. Laster's term as senate chairman expired earlier this fall.

At yesterday's meeting, Laster said the state budget shortfall this year, estimated by analysts at roughly \$160 million, may require cuts in the higher-education budget.

That means upcoming raises aren't likely to be as high as the 7 percent or 8 percent that U of L employees have averaged in the last two years, Laster said. And average staff salaries — \$17,898 for non-administrative employees and \$30,168 for professional and administrative staff — are far below the averages at comparable universities, he said.

Laster said a salary study of comparable universities a few years ago put the staff average at about 14 percent below other schools.

It was noted at yesterday's meeting that Madden was asked to include in her letter to Swain the fact that many university employees work two or three jobs to make ends meet because their salaries are so low.

The staff senate voted unanimously for Madden to write the letter. She said she will compose the letter, hand deliver it if possible, and ask Swain to come to next month's meeting of the staff senate.

Wolfe has a master key that opens most doors on campus, Farmer said. Wolfe has to use a second key to unlock his private office in Hume Hall and his official residence, Hillcrest Place, Farmer said.

The only people who have keys to the president's private office and Hillcrest Place are Wolfe, his wife Mary, and their housekeeper, Farmer said.

When Farmer inspected Hume

The investigating panel hopes to release its findings by the end of the week, said Kenneth Miller, assistant vice president for university relations.

The committee is made up of a "good mix" of administrators and faculty, Miller said, but he declined to release their names. Wolfe is not a member, he said.

The committee will interview students, faculty, administrators and campus police, he said.

ident for business affairs and treasurer, Karen Hardaway Hill, vice president for student affairs, and Howard Ross, vice president for academic affairs. None of the four could be reached for comment yesterday.

Other staff members also might have outside door keys, Farmer said, including secretaries, receptionists and special assistants.

But Farmer said students made long-distance calls out of Wolfe's private office Friday. Farmer cut all the phone lines in Hume Hall shortly after noon, but left open one local line in the president's waiting room.

Wolfe said Friday that he did not know how the students got into the building.

was estimated at \$3,500.

One of the first questions for the investigators is how the 75 students got into Hume Hall about 1 a.m. Friday.

"There was no forced entry, not that we can find," said Clayton Farmer, the school's director of

Facilities Management. "Either a door was left unlocked, or a key was used to unlock it."

Mary Smith, who appointed the investigators, told *The State Journal* in Frankfort that she thinks a university employee might have known in advance of

the sit-in. The school's regents had stripped President John T. Wolfe Jr. of much of his power earlier this month and assigned those duties to Smith.

Farmer said at least four people have keys to the outside doors: Wolfe, Leroy Summers, vice pres-

Panel will try to learn how students got into building

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — Kentucky

State University's executive vice president yesterday appointed five people to investigate the student takeover of the school's administration building, where damage

KSU appoints panel to study how students took building

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A panel of Kentucky State University employees was appointed yesterday to investigate Friday's takeover of the school's administration building.

And despite earlier reports, no amnesty has been guaranteed to any of the approximately 75 students involved in the seizure of Hume Hall, said Ken Miller, KSU's assistant vice president for university relations.

Miller also said damage to the historic two-story building totaled about \$3,500.

He said KSU was withholding the names of those appointed to the investigative panel so their work could proceed uninterrupted.

The panel was named by Mary Smith, KSU's executive vice president and special assistant to the board of regents. Last week, the regents gave Smith most of the authority they stripped from President John Wolfe Jr. after charging him with immoral conduct, incompetency and neglect of duty.

The board has scheduled a hearing for 9 a.m. Friday on the nine charges that could lead to Wolfe's ouster.

Miller said the investigation of the takeover should be finished by week's end and will determine how the students entered the locked building and whether they were aided by any KSU faculty or staff members. "It will include any involvement on the part of any person on campus or off campus," he said.

Smith had said that officials didn't know how the students got into the building, but the damage amount includes replacement of a sophisticated \$200 rear-door lock and \$200 to refinish the door holding the lock. The bulk of the damage cost — \$1,900 — will go to replace a splintered door frame and broken glass leading to the suite of the vice president for student affairs, Miller said. Other damage costs were for storm windows and window frames, repainting of several areas where students left footprints and handprints and general cleanup of the building.

Students said when they left the building about 10:30 Saturday night that they would pay for cleanup and any minor damage they caused.

KSU's national alumni president, Vincent Bakeman,

had said the students agreed to leave the building peacefully after Gov. Wallace Wilkinson promised them clemency. But Miller, Smith and Doug Alexander, Wilkinson's press secretary, said no amnesty had been guaranteed.

"There was never an offer of amnesty or immunity made by the governor," Alexander said.

Miller said university officials have not decided what action might be taken against the students. He said the students could be expelled if any of their actions are determined to be criminal. But he stressed that no disciplinary action will be determined until the investigation is completed.

Neither Bakeman nor several student leaders involved in the sit-in could be reached for comment yesterday.

Students maintained they seized Hume Hall shortly after 1 a.m. Friday because the regents were ignoring their concerns about the university. They issued several demands, and those relating to curriculum, counseling and minority recruitment and retention were granted by KSU officials. But others, such as one to create a special panel other than the regents to hear the charges against Wolfe, were denied.

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, chairman of KSU's regents, noted Sunday that state law requires the regents to hold the hearing, to be conducted in the Capitol Annex.

In a related matter, the president of KSU's faculty senate, Alan Moore, said yesterday that the faculty will be surveyed tomorrow on whether they believe Wolfe's continuation as president is in the university's best interest.

Moore said the results will be tabulated tomorrow afternoon and turned over to Wolfe and faculty regent Richard Taylor; they won't be publicly released. "There has been enough publicity (on the KSU controversy) already," he said.

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Problems at KSU revolve around spending, power

I compliment Bill Bishop for his perceptive, honest and factually correct Oct. 3 commentary concerning Kentucky State University. The situation at KSU simply revolves around opulence and arrogance, veiled by a self-imposed facade of racism by President Wolfe and his supporters. One cannot deny Wolfe has been reckless in his spending of taxpayer money and his Machiavellian grasp for personal power. What is most disheartening of all, however, is the continuous display of race-baiting exhibited on the part of Wolfe and his supporters.

There is no doubt racism is present in America. However, much of that racism is self-imposed and used as a camouflage, and is many times misguided and unwarranted. The current situation at KSU is such a case. Any honest, objective view of the facts shows that the Board of Regents has grounds for its position, and that charges of racism on the part of Louie Nunn and the board are unwarranted and serve only to divide. Wolfe and his supporters, however, are playing the politics of race and fear to its most extreme.

Bishop correctly notes that he and Nunn are not old buddies and his commentary can best be referred to as "nasty nice" to Nunn. However, in this instance, Bishop is right on the money. The talk of racism does hide the truth. And as is usually the case with Nunn, this straight-talking farmer from southern Kentucky is speaking the truth; and he is right.

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Wilkinson announces \$155 million shortfall

By John Winn Miller and Jack Brammer

Herald-Leader Frankfort bureau

FRANKFORT — Gov. Wallace Wilkinson yesterday announced a \$155 million revenue shortfall for the state and said it would be covered mostly through cuts in higher education, construction projects and some state agency budgets.

However, he said no cuts would be made in primary and secondary education, Medicaid and Aid to Families With Dependent Children. He said other protected areas included the environment, roads, prisons and economic development.

Wilkinson said at a Capitol news conference that he did not expect any layoffs in state government, but he did not rule them out.

The governor said the legislature's spending of one-time windfalls from the lottery and last year's \$1.3 billion tax increase, plus the national recession, had finally caught up with Kentucky.

"We have weathered the recession better than most states. We're not going to have to take some of the drastic steps that some states have taken. And we are not dealing with a crisis," he said.

Wilkinson said most state agencies would be required to come up with cuts averaging 3.4 percent of their operating budgets by Nov. 1. He said the cuts probably would not affect programs.

The cuts would amount to about \$85 million from the state's General Fund, which pays for most state activities. Of that, about \$30 million would come from higher education.

Wilkinson, who has often had rocky relations with university presidents, said he was sure that some would call his cuts "devastating." But he noted that the state's colleges and universities got more than \$250 million in new money in the last biennial budget.



He said the Council on Higher Education would have to decide where cuts would be made.

Gary Cox, executive director of the council, said it would meet Nov. 4 and probably come up with a plan then to deal with the shortfall.

"Budget cuts are always painful. But Kentucky seems to be better able to handle this than what's happening in other states," Cox said.

He said he expected university presidents to be reluctant to use layoffs.

State agencies also should not consider layoffs, said Charles B. Wells, assistant director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, which has 3,000 members.

"There are ways to cut the fat out of state government without cutting people," Wells said.

Wilkinson said layoffs, if any, would be left up to agency heads. But he said his actions in effect would lead to a hiring freeze.

Brad Hughes, spokesman for the Human Resources Cabinet, said his agency traditionally hired 40 or 50 people a month because of turnover. But any replacements, even those already scheduled, will have to wait until department heads decide on specific cuts.

An additional \$42 million in cuts would come from delaying or canceling some construction projects funded by bonds, Wilkinson said. The money was to have been used to pay for debt service, which means the projects could be worth more than \$400 million.

Wilkinson declined to say what projects would be affected or their value. He said many were behind schedule and not ready to be funded anyway.

An additional \$35 million savings would come from money from the previous fiscal year's budget that had been intended mostly for debt service. He said these actions did not mean a moratorium on bonds or construction.

Rep. Marshall Long, chairman of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Subcommittee, said he had not received any information on what projects might be affected.

But Long, D-Shelbyville, said he did not disagree with the governor's approach.

"If I were in his shoes, that's where I would look to cut," he said.

Senate budget chief Michael R. Moloney, D-Lexington, said he did not want to comment on the governor's plan until he saw how state programs would be affected.

The shortfall could be even worse, Wilkinson said. Education possibly could need another \$22

million for matching funds to local school districts, plus \$3 million for other unspecified needs. That would bring the shortfall to \$180 million for the fiscal year that began in July.

As a result, he proposed \$197 million worth of cuts and fund transfers. The transfers would come from the state's budget surplus accounts and unspent agency receipts from such things as licenses and fees.

All these actions would leave the state with a \$40 million surplus by the end of the fiscal year next June 30.

Wilkinson said he considered it vital to have such a surplus — which is about 1 percent of the General Fund — to meet emergencies and to protect the state's credit rating.

The General Assembly approves spending based on an estimate of what the state coffers will take in during the next two years. The unpredictability of the economy and often unwarranted optimism have forced previous administrations to make repeated budget cuts. But this is the first one in Wilkinson's nearly four years as governor.

Wilkinson said he moved to head off future problems by reducing the General Fund rather than by using other methods to cover the shortfall. That would reduce the base used to calculate future budgets.

The governor said the Road Fund, which pays for the state's transportation needs, also faced a \$50 million shortfall. He said he would discuss how he planned to deal with that problem at a later date.

Kentucky state budget shortfall

Dimensions of budget problem

\$180 million

Possible additional costs for education and other needs
\$25 million

Estimated revenue shortfall
\$155 million

Actions necessary to cover shortfall

\$197 million

Committed but unspent funds from fiscal year 1991
\$35 million

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This would create a \$40 million surplus considered necessary for emergencies.

Wilkinson says state expected to come up \$155 million short

By TOM LOFTUS
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Wilkinson administration yesterday projected a \$155 million revenue shortfall for this fiscal year, which will force spending cuts that include a \$30 million reduction in university funding.

The shortfall was announced at a news conference by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who stressed that funding for public schools — including the 1990 education-reform program — will be spared any cuts.

"We've exempted the whole realm of public elementary and secondary education," he said.

The governor also said that state funding for Medicaid and the basic welfare program, known as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, will be spared as well.

Wilkinson provided only a general plan as to how he would cope with the shortfall. He said he is requiring agencies other than the few exempted to cut their spending by 3.4 percent. Heads of those agencies must submit their cutback plans to Wilkinson by Nov. 1.

While the detailed cuts will not be known until then, two general cuts announced yesterday seem the most controversial — the \$30 million cut to universities and a decision not to issue bonds for many unspecified capital construction projects.

The governor seemed to be inviting a renewal of his 1988 budget clash with university presidents when he spoke of the higher education cuts yesterday.

"I'm interested in seeing how many faculty senates, how many times they use the word 'devastated' by the time they respond to this budget reduction," Wilkinson said. "They got 250 million brand new dollars in this biennium and they're being asked to give back 30 and I guarantee you the first thing they'll say is, 'It's devastating.'"

Wilkinson said he will ask the Council on Higher Education to come up with a plan to divide the \$30 million cut among the eight state universities and other statewide higher-education programs.

University of Kentucky President Charles Wethington said in a statement that he regretted economic trends had forced a cutback. He noted that UK has made "major progress" in improving salaries of faculty and staff in the past two years.

"We will make every effort to manage any cut with the least amount of impact on the academic programs of the university," he said.

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Jody Richards, whose district includes Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, said: "I certainly hate to see these cuts. . . . On its face, a \$30 million cut is not so bad, but it comes on top of many cuts during the last decade from which we were just starting to recover."

Gary Cox, executive director of the Council on Higher Education, said a \$30 million cut would put

university funding at about 80 percent of full funding under the council's formula, which compares Kentucky's university funding with a benchmark of other states.

Asked about the cut's effect on the percentage under that formula, Wilkinson said, "Every time we get them close to formula funding they change the formula. . . . It's probably 20 percent by now."

The governor's cutback plan calls for saving \$42 million in debt-service payments by not selling bonds for capital construction projects authorized by the 1990 General Assembly.

Wilkinson said he didn't know which specific projects won't be funded.

The matter of bond-funded construction projects at state parks, universities and other facilities became a controversy in 1990 when legislators loaded many of their own pet projects into the budget over Wilkinson's objections.

Asked if he will save his own projects and cut the legislators', Wilkinson said: "It isn't a question of whose bonded projects will get it. It's a question of which projects can withstand the normal review process and live up to the standards they need to live up to in order to be funded."

House Democratic Whip Kenny Rapier of Bardstown said: "I don't know what he plans to cut, but this may not be anything that causes me serious grief. Some of the legislature's projects have already been funded, and it's true that at least some of them are just not ready to go yet and wouldn't be hurt by any delay."

James Ramsey, who heads the state office that projects revenue, said national economic trends caused the shortfall.

"Unfortunately, the continued weakness in the national economy and the lackluster recovery have finally impacted our revenue," Ramsey said. "We did not predict or anticipate a national recession when we made our original revenue forecasts" at the time the budget was put together.

THE BUDGET PROBLEM

DEFICIT

Estimated shortfall \$155 million
Expenses not budgeted \$25 million

TOTAL \$180 MILLION

SAVINGS

Spend budget surplus from last fiscal year \$35 million
Spend some of the reserve fund budgeted last year \$20 million
Save money by not issuing "unneeded" bonds \$42 million
Transfer to General Fund some money agencies get from fees and license sales \$15 million
Cut programs financed by the General Fund \$85 million

TOTAL \$197 million

BALANCE SURPLUS

Unspent balance at the end of the fiscal year \$17 million
Reserve-fund balance \$23 million

TOTAL \$40 million

Ramsey said state General Fund revenue budgeted at about \$4.53 billion will fall about \$155 million short. That forecast is almost identical to one made recently by the legislature's economist.

Ramsey projected that because the national economic recovery has started, revenues will grow by about 6 percent in each of the next two fiscal years. (Those figures for the next two years will be revised during the 1992 legislative session when the 1992-94 budget is passed.)

Ramsey also said that he is projecting a \$50 million shortfall in Road Fund revenues this year and that that fund will grow slowly in the next two years.

The governor said he will announce his plans to adjust for the Road Fund revenue problem soon.

Wilkinson also blamed the shortfall on the national recession and downplayed the impact of the revenue problems. "Our situation, however, is manageable," he said, noting that his cutback plan, if preserved by the next governor, would leave the state with a \$40 million surplus in the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year next June 30.

Public college tuitions up 12%; Kentucky increase smaller

College costs up in fall 1991

- Average in-state tuitions and fees at four-year public universities rose by 12 percent to \$2,137, from \$1,908 in 1990-91. Room and board charges increased by 6 percent to \$3,351, bringing total average charges at such institutions to \$5,488.

- Rates at private four-year colleges increased 7 percent, from \$9,340 in fall 1990 to \$10,017 this fall. Average room and board charges of \$4,386 brought the total costs to \$14,403.

- Average two-year private college tuitions rose 6 percent to \$5,290. Room and board at such schools averaged \$3,734, also up 6 percent.

- Counting such items as transportation, books and personal expenses, a resident undergraduate can expect to spend \$16,292 this year at a four-year private school, and \$7,584 at a four-year public college.

Staff, wire report

NEW YORK — Fall tuitions at public colleges and universities climbed by double digits for the first time in eight years as higher education fell victim to state budget cuts, the College Board reported yesterday.

Average in-state tuitions and fees at four-year public universities rose by 12 percent to \$2,137, from \$1,908 in 1990-91. Room and board charges increased by 6 percent to \$3,351, bringing total average fixed charges at public institutions to \$5,488.

This fall's increase marked the first double-digit jump in such rates since 1983-84, when the average also went up by 12 percent.

Tuitions and fees were up an even sharper 13 percent at two-year public universities, by far the fastest growing sector of higher education with 4.7 million full-time students. Fall tuitions there averaged \$1,022, compared with \$906 a year ago.

Kentucky colleges and universities fell below the average increase

of 12 percent.

Full-time in-state students paid \$650 tuition for the 1991 fall semester at Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University and Western Kentucky University. It was a 10 percent jump from the \$590 paid in the 1991 spring semester.

Students at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville had an 8 percent increase as tuition went to \$810 for the 1991 fall semester. They paid \$750 a semester in the 1990-1991 academic year and \$690 a semester for the 1989-1990 academic year.

College Board President Donald M. Stewart said the big jump in tuitions nationwide was not surprising given recession-related budget problems in affecting more than 30 states.

A recent Associated Press survey found that 17 states cut spending for higher education this fiscal year. Twenty-one others raised spending by less than 5 percent.

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Council adopts noise limits

By JIM ROBINSON
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — Over the objections of Morehead State University fraternity representatives, the city council passed a noise ordinance Monday.

One fraternity member said the ordinance could put the Greek organizations out of business.

"It could threaten their existence in Morehead because if we continually get fined, we can't afford it," said Tom James, vice president for administration for the Interfraternity Council, an organization representing the 14 fraternities on campus.

Violations of the ordinance are punishable by a fine ranging from \$25 to \$100.

But the new city law, which bans disturbing noises between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., was praised by two city residents who said they are bothered by noisy car stereos and fraternity parties.

"If they want to have loud music, let them take it to the

college campus," said James Smedley, of 1113 N. Tolliver Road.

"It's one of the best starts I've ever heard of so people can get some rest," said Olgie Gilliam, of 206 Lee Ave.

Ronald Hopkins, an MSU junior and member of the Sigma Nu fraternity, said the council was being insensitive to the college and perpetuating hard feelings between townspeople and the college students.

"I don't understand why the council is so against the college," he said.

That remark drew a vigorous denial from Councilman Carl Sizemore, who called it "about as far out a statement as I have heard."

"I don't condemn you, but when you get in the work force ... you're going to be raw if you're awake until two in the morning," Sizemore said.

The council drew up the ordinance this summer in response to complaints about loud car stereos and fraternity parties.

The fraternities, five of which have off-campus houses, traditionally have parties on Thursday nights.

James called the parties "stress relievers" and said their elimination could hurt fraternity members' academic performance, which he said is generally better than the rest of the student body.

Berry Lowman, assistant vice president for the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, questioned the language of the ordinance, saying it was too vague and should be rewritten to be more specific.

Lowman said that as the ordinance is written, hearing-impaired persons who have their televisions turned up could be cited for violating the measure.

"There are several points that seem awfully broad and I'd like to see it revised a little more thoroughly," he said.

But Police Chief John Brown assured the fraternity members that the ordinance's enforcement would not be unreasonable.

"Nobody's going to be hard-nosed about it," Brown said.

The ordinance was passed unanimously by the council, presided over by Councilman Don Greenhill. Mayor Larry Breeze was in Louisville on business and did not attend the meeting.

Councilman Herman Brown, hospitalized earlier this month, also was absent.

Wolfe asks judge to void allegations by regents

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Attorneys for Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. filed a complaint in Franklin Circuit Court yesterday asking that charges brought against him by KSU's board of regents be voided.

The complaint alleges that the board violated state law and its own bylaws when it leveled nine charges of incompetency, immoral conduct and neglect of duty against Wolfe Oct. 7. It also seeks cancellation of a board meeting scheduled for Friday where Wolfe is to defend himself against the charges. The hearing could lead to Wolfe's ouster.

The complaint, filed by William E. McAnulty Jr., Barbara Reid Hartung and Daniel P. Cherry, alleges that the charges were improperly proffered since no board vote on them was taken or recorded at the special board meeting Oct. 7. At that meeting, the board voted to go into closed session to discuss unspecified personnel matters. When members emerged from a two-hour session, Chairman Louie B. Nunn announced that a majority of the regents had determined that charges should be brought against Wolfe.

No vote on the charges was taken in the public session, a step Wolfe's attorneys contend is required by law. After the meeting, William E. Johnson, the regents' attorney, said the regents were neither polled nor took any kind of vote in the private session.

The state's Open Meetings Law prohibits public agencies, such as the board of regents, from taking any final action in private.

Guthrie True, another attorney for the regents, said yesterday that a vote by the entire board was not required to bring charges against Wolfe. State law requires only that charges against a president be proffered by the board chairman, True said.

"Had a vote been necessary, the regents would have been required to come into open session and take a vote," he added.

The complaint also alleges that the Oct. 7 meeting was illegal because it was improperly called. State law says that a regents' chairman can call a special meeting only upon the written request of a school's president or two board members. The KSU regents' bylaws prohibit the chairman from calling a special meeting unless requested to do so by the president or for board members.

The alleged infractions, the complaint adds, are grounds for voiding the charges.

After the Oct. 7 meeting ended, Johnson read a statement to reporters that said the board also had decided to cancel all powers previously delegated to Wolfe by the board. Since no official board action was apparently taken on this step, the

complaint asks that it, too, be voided.

Although it is not mentioned in the complaint, the regents transferred most of Wolfe's presidential powers to Mary Smith, who was designated executive vice president and special assistant to the board.

Circuit Judge William Graham directed attorneys for Wolfe and the regents to file additional arguments by 10 a.m. today. Graham said he will issue a ruling later today.

Yesterday's complaint is the latest action in the weeks-old controversy between Wolfe and the regents. The skirmish has led to the board's discharge of two KSU vice presidents and a special assistant to Wolfe.

A group of KSU students took over the university's administration building early last Friday and conducted a peaceful sit-in for nearly 44 hours before leaving Saturday night.

Smith appointed a panel of five KSU employees Monday to investigate the break-in and occupation of Hume Hall.

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Governor's control of colleges challenged

By Todd Pack

Herald-Leader staff writer.

FRANKFORT — Civil rights activists and supporters of Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. yesterday called on lawmakers to take away the governor's power to name state university board members.

They offered three alternatives:

- Let schools pick their own "multiracial and bipartisan" boards of regents. The boards would be made up mostly of alumni.

- Let the state Senate hold confirmation hearings on nominees.

- Let an independent panel name board members.

"We just want the governor taken out of the whole process," said the Rev. Louis Coleman of Louisville, a KSU alumnus.

He said the activists made their recommendations in response to what they see as the unfair treatment of Wolfe by KSU's regents, most of whom were appointed by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

Coleman and others have accused the board, led by former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, of wrongly charging Wolfe with nine charges of misconduct and neglect of duty.

Wolfe's supporters said they thought Nunn and Wilkinson wanted to close down KSU, the state's only historically black college.

Kentucky law gives the governor the authority to appoint most members to the boards at the state's eight public universities.

Ken Miller, the school's acting vice president for university relations, said yesterday that Smith expects to have the panel's findings within two weeks.

Also yesterday, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson said during a news conference that he never made an offer of amnesty to the students who occupied the administration building. He also indicated that he thinks the students should be disciplined.

At one time or another during the sit-in, Smith and the school's national alumni president said Wilkinson promised there would be no retribution.

But Wilkinson said yesterday, "I offered them nothing."

Wilkinson said he wanted to wait for the outcome of the school's investigation before taking a position on sanctions against the students. But he also said the only alternatives were "administrative action" or "judicial action."

Information for this story also was gathered by The Associated Press.

Each board has a student and at least one faculty member.

Only the University of Kentucky is required to have any alumni. It must have three.

The issue of limiting the governor's power to appoint board members has come up before.

A bill that would have created a committee to recommend board members to the governor failed to win support in the 1988 and 1990 General Assemblies.

Wilkinson spokesman Doug Alexander did not return a call to comment on the activists' proposals.

Earlier yesterday, the governor said: "I've given no thought to closing the school down."

"There's a board there and I've already said I have great confidence in that board."

He declined to say whether he thought criminal charges should be brought against 75 students who took control of the administration building early Friday. They said the sit-in was in support of Wolfe. They left Saturday.

KSU executive vice president Mary Smith on Monday named a panel to investigate the takeover, which caused \$3,500 in damages.

The investigation was to have been completed this week. However, the school's assistant vice president for university relations said in a statement yesterday that the investigation would take about two weeks.

"There is no need to have the investigative panel's report prior to President Wolfe's hearing" Friday, said Vice President Ken Miller.

Wolfe will go before the board then to answer the charges, including one that he gave himself a 9.5 percent pay raise, in apparent violation of his contract.

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Universities, colleges apply budget bandages

By BEN Z. HERSHBERG, Staff Writer

The leaders of Kentucky's public universities and colleges said yesterday that they were quickly developing plans to handle \$31.6 million in state budget cuts through freezing new hires, delaying building maintenance and equipment purchases and perhaps cutting into such academic basics as buying new library books.

Most said they did not anticipate layoffs to meet the 5-percent cut in their state appropriation for this fiscal year, even though they only have about eight months left to do so.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson announced the cuts for higher education Tuesday in response to a projected \$155 million revenue shortfall for this fiscal year.

"This cut will hurt," said Dennis Taulbee, vice president of administration for Northern Kentucky University.

Taulbee said he is trying to develop plans for cuts that will save about \$1.3 million by June 30 — about 5 percent of his school's state General Fund appropriation.

At the same time Northern cuts expenses, it must deal with continuing and rapid enrollment increases, Taulbee said. It has 11,700 students, up more than 35 percent in the past five years.

The 5-percent budget cut is the largest made to higher education since 1982, when a budget crisis slashed \$43.3 million, or 11.3 percent, from state higher education spending.

Universities cut departments and programs, froze new hires, cut some existing jobs and took other drastic steps to meet that reduction.

This year's budget cuts shouldn't be as difficult, said Kenneth Walker, the Council on Higher Education's deputy executive director for finance.

Walker's agency coordinates universities' finances and policies. It's deciding how much each university will have to cut to meet the overall \$30 million figure. The council will meet on the issue Nov. 4.

It may use a formula to make the cuts that it generally uses to distribute funds to the eight state universities and the community college system, Walker said. He said the council staff hopes to have specific recommendations by the end of the week so universities can begin working on them.

He hasn't calculated the figures

yet, Walker said, but in general the formula would reduce the budgets most for those schools that received the biggest increases in state funding this year.

For example, the University of Kentucky community-college system received about a 17-percent increase, to \$68.6 million, compared with a 9.5-percent overall increase for higher education. However, enrollment also was up sharply at many community colleges, which could make it difficult to demand large cuts from them, said council executive director Gary Cox.

UK itself received nearly an 11-percent increase for this fiscal year, so it could face larger-than-average cuts if the council uses its normal formula.

"I think that all parts of our budget will be looked at," including unfilled faculty positions and cutting expenses, said UK President Charles T. Wethington. "We're not inexperienced in that we've dealt with budget cuts" in the past.

Budget problems for universities may go beyond the current cuts.

State Rep. Joe Clarke, chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue committee, told educators yesterday that Kentucky's slow recovery from the recession may mean flat revenues. And that could mean more budget woes for higher education next year during the legislative session, Clarke said.

Wethington, however, said certain budget priorities will still get funded.

The most ambitious budget request for UK is the proposal for a \$60 million research library. UK is asking the legislature for \$46 million. The university's private fundraising drive for the library kicks off

tomorrow.

Wethington said the library will remain UK's top capital construction request. He also said the university's overall funding request from the 1992 legislative session will not change.

University of Louisville Provost Wallace Mann said an estimated 5-percent cut this year — \$7 million — would be complicated by the restructuring planned over the past year and now under way.

U of L's restructuring is designed to save or redistribute up to \$15.3 million over the next three years by eliminating one college and several departments and programs. But it would not provide the kind of savings this year required by the state, Mann said.

The university is analyzing how the state budget cuts will affect the restructuring plan, Mann said.

Mann said he told U of L vice presidents and deans to be cautious in any expenditures they approve in the near future, but he hasn't ordered a hiring freeze. He also said that he couldn't promise yet that there would be no layoffs to meet the state cuts.

Jim Booth, provost of Murray State University, said cutting 5 percent of his university's state appropriation — about \$2 million — would be especially difficult because the school used most of its financial reserves to soften the blow of a 2-percent state cut in 1986.

"At this point, my judgment is, it will not affect existing personnel," Booth said. "But we will certainly be looking at attrition."

Information for this story was also gathered by staff writer Jay Blanton.

WKU regent chairman releases 'mission statement' mapping goals

By CYNTHIA CROSSLEY
Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — In response to criticism from different sources, Western Kentucky University regent chairman Joe Iracane unveiled a "mission statement" for the school yesterday, which he said is guiding the regents in their decisions.

The nine-page document, written mostly by Iracane, contains few surprises. For example, a top policy goal is concentrating "the fiscal resources of the university ... in such a manner as to improve the quality of the academic programs."

Western President Thomas Meredith, who attended the news conference but did not speak, commented on Iracane's statement afterward: "It would be hard to be in disagreement" with the document.

In an interview afterward, Iracane explained that some in the university community haven't understood that the regents are following up on recommendations set out by Western 21, a long-range planning docu-

ment that assigned priorities to academic and support programs. A university-wide budget review accompanied Western 21.

Some of those recommendations urged the regents to take a closer look at the university's student-health services, food services, athletics funding, and development (fund-raising) efforts. Iracane appointed a series of committees last week to study those issues.

So far, the regents' review of student-health services — with an eye toward possibly turning those services over to a private company — has drawn much student opposition. Iracane said the regents think the health services should be self-supporting, something a private company could guarantee.

However, he said, the regents held an informational meeting on the issue last week and learned that the health services are closer to being self-supporting than originally thought. But he still hasn't ruled out the possibility of a private company running them, he said.

This week, Iracane was one of several regents criticized by another

regent, Bobby Bartley of Glasgow, for being only "interested in sports and penny-ante stuff." Bartley did not attend the news conference, and could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Iracane said the regents have been urging Meredith to streamline the university's spending and to save for the inevitable time when Western's growth "comes to a screeching halt."

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's announcement Tuesday of a projected \$155 million shortfall in state revenues highlighted "exactly" what he was talking about, Iracane said. Early indications are that Western may lose up to \$2.4 million because of that shortfall, said Paul Cook, Western's executive vice president for administrative affairs. Cook said that represents about 2 percent of the school's \$109 million budget.

"I don't feel we should wait until there's knife at our throat," Iracane said. The university should be tightening its belt now, he said, so "if there's a budget cut we're ready to react to it."

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Court refuses to order KSU to drop charges

Wolfe fails to get hearing canceled; president's appeal scheduled today

By Eric Gregory
Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. failed to get a court order yesterday that would have dropped nine charges of incompetency, immoral conduct and neglect of duty against him.

Franklin Circuit Court Judge William L. Graham also rejected Wolfe's request to cancel a Friday hearing that could lead to his firing.

Wolfe plans to appeal Graham's ruling. A hearing has been scheduled for this afternoon in the state Court of Appeals, said Wolfe's attorney, William E. McAnulty Jr. of Louisville.

Wolfe's attorneys filed a complaint Tuesday in Franklin Circuit Court, saying that the school's Board of Regents had violated the state open-meetings law and its own bylaws when it brought the charges against Wolfe on Oct. 7.

The complaint alleged that board chairman Louie B. Nunn violated the open-meetings law by

calling the special meeting himself. Under Kentucky law, a special meeting can be called only by two board members. The board's bylaws require four members.

The board also broke the law when regents voted during a two-hour closed session to bring charges against Wolfe, the complaint says. State law prohibits public agencies, including governing boards, from taking any final action in private sessions.

But William E. Johnson, the board's attorney, said in his response that Wolfe's claims are irrelevant because state law does not require any action by the board. According to state law, only the chairman has the power to file charges.

"No action by the board was taken," Johnson wrote, "nor was any action necessary."

Both sides agreed that a majority of the board voted to bring the charges. But Graham, in a 1½ page order, sided with the board.

"The charges themselves were presented in writing and signed by the chairman," he wrote. "The action taken by the majority in executive session is of no legal consequence."

Wolfe has been battling with the board, especially Nunn, for nearly four months.

At a September meeting, regents canceled Wolfe's inauguration and asked him to resign after learning that he had spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence and had given himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract.

The nine mismanagement charges were levied against Wolfe at the board's last meeting. Regents also stripped him of his power to spend school money and gave those duties to Mary L. Smith, executive vice president and special assistant to the board.

Friday's administrative hearing, in which Wolfe answers to the charges, is expected to last through Saturday. KSU also announced yesterday that a special board meeting will be held after Friday to consider "personnel matters." There was no elaboration.

Judge declines to stop KSU hearing on Wolfe

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — A Franklin Circuit Court judge refused yesterday to halt a board of regents hearing tomorrow on charges against Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr.

Judge William Graham's order denying Wolfe a temporary restraining order did not specifically address several other points raised by his attorneys in a complaint filed Tuesday.

Wolfe's lead attorney, William E. McAnulty Jr. of Louisville, said later yesterday that he will appeal Graham's order and that a hearing is set at 1 p.m. today before a Court of Appeals panel.

Wolfe argued in the complaint that the nine administrative charges preferred against him by the regents Oct. 7 should be voided because board members violated the state's Open Meetings Act. The charges were announced publicly after being discussed in a two-hour closed-door session. Once the board resumed its public session, board Chairman Louie B. Nunn announced that "a majority" of the regents had agreed the charges should be brought.

No public vote was taken on the charges, although Wolfe's complaint contended one was taken privately.

Graham's order said that any action taken in the closed session was "of no legal consequence." He said the charges were properly presented to Wolfe in writing and signed by Nunn. The judge's order implied that no board action was necessary for charges to be lodged against the president. State law, he added, requires only that charges be preferred by the board chairman. That point was specifically made in a response to Wolfe's motion for a temporary restraining order by regents' attorneys William E. Johnson and J. Guthrie True. "The fact that a majority of the board concurred in the decision by (Nunn) that the charges should be preferred is irrelevant. In this case (Nunn) has preferred the charges and no action by the board was taken, nor was any action necessary,"

Johnson and True said.

Apparently for this reason, Graham did not rule on two other parts of Wolfe's complaint.

In one of those allegations, the KSU president contended that the Oct. 7 meeting was illegally called by Nunn, when state law stipulates that a special meeting must be requested by two board members before the chairman can convene it.

Wolfe also asked the court to void the regents' action that stripped him of most of his authority. Although the regents did not vote on that issue, they delegated most presidential powers to Dr. Mary Smith, who was named executive vice president and special assistant to the board.

The charges filed by Nunn against Wolfe allege incompetence, immoral conduct and neglect of duty. They include failure to properly carry out his duties, deception concerning nearly \$100,000 in expenditures for his campus home, and possible threats to KSU employees that their jobs might be jeopardized if they did not privately raise money for his inaugural activities. The board canceled Wolfe's inauguration, which had been scheduled for Oct. 5.

Tomorrow's hearing by the board will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 131 of the Capitol Annex. Johnson said yesterday that the hearing is expected to take two days.

The board also will hold a special meeting at the same location at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow. The special-meeting

notice said the regents will consider "personnel matters."

The board has not yet approved contracts for the school's three new vice presidents — Dr. Howard Ross, academic affairs; LeRoy Summers, business affairs; and Karen Hardaway-Hill, student affairs. At the Oct. 7 meeting, the board reserved action on the three officials' employment until a later date.

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IN OUR VIEW

Troubled times

Emotion-filled, circus atmosphere won't resolve Kentucky State's woes

Former governors Louie Nunn and Ned Breathitt are finding it much more difficult to serve as peaceful mediators at Kentucky State University than they did at Morehead State University. The emotion-filled, circus atmosphere that is beginning to surround the Kentucky State controversy makes it difficult for reason to prevail.

When former governor Martha Layne Collins appointed Nunn and Breathitt to the Morehead State Board of Regents, the two helped successfully steer the university through troubled waters. Arriving near the end of Herb Reinhard's brief, controversial presidency, Nunn, Breathitt and the other new regents wisely appointed retired Northern Kentucky University President A.D. Albright as interim president and selected Nelson Grote to succeed Albright.

After Nunn and Breathitt brought peace to the Morehead State campus, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson asked the two former governors to do the same for Kentucky State. In many ways, the situations were similar at Kentucky State as at Morehead State. Just as Reinhard's abrupt management style had caused dissatisfaction on the Morehead campus, President Raymond Burse's gruff style had caused turmoil on the KSU campus.

Thus, one of the first orders of business for Nunn, Breathitt and other board members was to find a president who could bring peace and unity to the troubled campus. They thought they had found one in Dr. John T.

Wolfe Jr.. Indeed, when Wolfe came to KSU from Maryland's Bowie State University, Nunn said he'd never encountered a better qualified candidate for a college president's position.

A year later, KSU's board has taken steps to remove Wolfe. A bill of particulars against him includes some serious allegations of ethical, if not criminal, wrongdoing, including giving himself a 9.5 percent raise without board approval.

The controversy over Wolfe has been charged with emotion, name-calling and antics like the take-over of the school's administration building by a group of students. The state NAACP, KSU alumni, students and even Jesse Jackson have come to the defense of Wolfe, and charges of racism have been leveled against Nunn and the other board members.

Unfortunately, reason is taking a back seat in this circus atmosphere. Nunn's gruff bluntness has always succeeded in angering people, but there is no reason to suspect racism has anything to do with his disagreements with Wolfe. More likely, the controversy is a result of two head-strong individuals clashing over what direction the university should take.

The evidence that has led the KSU board to take steps to dismiss Wolfe needs to be heard in the proper forum with the final outcome based on the facts, not emotions. The future of Kentucky State is at stake here. It is not a time for marches or name-calling; it is a time for reason.

Reaction across area is mixed

By ROGER ALFORD
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ASHLAND — The confirmation of Clarence Thomas as the newest U.S. Supreme Court justice was greeted in northeastern Kentucky with the same mixed feelings that have divided the nation for the past week.

Jerry Gore, director of minority student affairs at Morehead State University, said he felt there were too many unanswered questions about Thomas for him to have been confirmed.

"In all fairness to Judge Thomas, Ms. (Anita) Hill and the American people, the Senate investigation needed to be more in-depth, and tougher questions needed to be asked and answered," Gore said.

"With racism as prevalent as it is in our nation, we don't need a man sitting on the Supreme Court with the clouds he has hanging over his head," Gore said. "This won't do anything to heal the great gaps of racism and unequal treatment for females in our society."

Elizabeth Fawbush, spokeswoman for the Greater Ashland Right to Life group, saw the confirmation as a victory.

"He does take some pretty conservative stands on issues," she said. "I do believe that he is pro-life, and I do hope and pray that he would vote as such, in regard to saving human lives."

Hill, a former assistant to Thomas, charged that he had traumatized her with graphic depictions of scenes in pornographic movies and talk of his own sexual prowess when they worked together in two government agencies in the early 1980s.

Thomas denied Hill's allegations and said he was being subjected to a "high-tech lynching."

William Cofield, president of the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said he was not surprised that the Senate voted to confirm Thomas.

"I thought it would be a squeaker one way or the other," he said.

The NAACP opposed Thomas' nomination, based on his record as head of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and his stand against affirmative action programs.

Cofield, who also serves on the Morehead State University Board of Regents, said he believes Hill's credibility was damaged by the fact that the Oklahoma law professor didn't come forward earlier with her allegations.

"If it was 10 years old, she should have let it stay where it was," he said. "She should have stayed in Oklahoma from day one."

Fawbush agreed.

"I could not imagine being harassed the way Anita Hill was alleged to have been harassed and for the amount of time that she said she was harassed, and then go out on a dinner date with him and to call him when he got married and congratulate him," Fawbush said.

Fawbush said Hill's move from the Department of Education to the EEOC with Thomas also discredited her charges.

"If I were in that situation ... I certainly wouldn't have transferred to another job with him."

Fawbush said Hill can command a lucrative lecture or book contract if she wants.

"I believe that this is an issue of women fighting very hard to stand out," Fawbush said. "I don't believe that black against black makes it a racial issue."

Queen Foreman, director of affirmative action and human resources at Marshall University, expressed mixed feelings over Thomas' confirmation.

She said she was disturbed by Thomas' stance on affirmative action, but happy that another black had been named to the high court.

Foreman also said that she believed Hill.

"If the Senate was saying by its vote that they didn't believe her, I disagree," she said. "She presented concrete evidence."

Ernie Tucker, a history professor at Ashland Community College, said the testimony from both sides before the Senate Judiciary Committee was believable and left him torn about who was telling the truth.

"I went from supporting her and her allegations to supporting him and then back to supporting her and back to supporting him," Tucker said.

"I'm a little surprised that he was confirmed. He is not the man I wanted to have on the Supreme Court. But I am not sorry to see him confirmed."

"I'm relieved to see it's over."

Donnaless Cockrille, coordinator of women's programs at Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., said the confirmation hearing was beneficial, even though she said some alternative process needs to be developed to handle the "very personal nature of the accusations."

There may have been men out there who have been engaging in sexual harassment who weren't aware that those actions were that, Cockrille said.

"A lot of men clearly don't have a full understanding of how harassment makes a woman feel. It has certainly raised the level of consciousness about sexual harassment."

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'Wolfe's leadership'

Before attempting to write this letter, I had to pray, meditate and then count to 100. No, Kentucky State University President John Wolfe does not need to resign, but Louie B. Nunn, the regents' chairman, should definitely leave his position. Contrary to Nunn's comment, no mistake was made in hiring Wolfe. Our governor, however, made a huge mistake in appointing Nunn as chairman.

Wolfe possesses what Nunn does not — polish, intellect and poise. To someone of Nunn's caliber, Wolfe's competence translates into arrogance and defiance. The "non-existent" board members have allowed Nunn to create a circus atmosphere for the media. Wolfe's refusal to fire the five administrators was an act of integrity and concern for his employees. Nunn is not concerned about the welfare of KSU. His goal is now to get rid of Wolfe at any cost...

There is nothing wrong with Wolfe's leadership at KSU. I pray that his dignity and confidence remain throughout this ordeal. My daughter attends KSU and please believe me when I say that the students are learning. Nunn and his board should stop this foolishness and allow Wolfe to lead and the students to learn.

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Nunn says infighting at KSU, not racism, forced Wolfe out

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The chairman of Kentucky State University's board of regents said yesterday that a power struggle within KSU's administration, not campus racial friction, drove John T. Wolfe Jr. from the KSU presidency.

"This didn't start out as a race issue. This started out as a power struggle; and there was a power struggle as to which faction would get to Dr. Wolfe and which one would not get to him," said Louie B. Nunn.

Nunn, a former governor, declined to name members of the factions, but he said some members were followers of former President Raymond Burse, now a Louisville attorney. Asked specifically if others were backers of Mary Smith, KSU's acting president between Burse's April 1989 departure and Wolfe's arrival July 1, 1990, Nunn said he did not believe Smith had a faction.

"There may have been people trying to move one against the other. As a matter of fact, I know there were," he added in an appearance on the weekly "Your Government" program on Lexington's WLEX-TV.

Smith kept Burse lieutenants Charles Lambert and MacArthur Darby at arm's length during her interim presidency. But both men later resumed their inner-circle influence after Wolfe became president.

Lambert, KSU's vice president for university relations, and Darby, the school's director of institutional accreditation and effectiveness, were fired by the regents Oct. 7 when they leveled nine administrative charges of incompetence, immorality and neglect of duty against Wolfe.

Wolfe averted a scheduled hearing on those charges Friday when he resigned. The regents dropped the charges under a settlement package and also agreed to the continuation of his salary, totaling \$73,288, through next July 31 for consulting.

Smith, who became a Wolfe assistant in mid-1990, has been named KSU's chief administrator and given the title of executive vice president and special assistant to the regents.

Nunn was highly complimentary of Smith yesterday, but he indicated that KSU's battles may not be over.

"I know of no one more dedicated to that university than she is and has been, and I feel will be in the future. She has stepped in to help save it on two different occasions. The university is in good hands. She knows what she's doing, she knows how to do it and I believe she'll do it well," Nunn added.

Nunn dodged a question on whether his comments constituted an endorsement for Smith to be named Wolfe's successor.

"Let me say we could go farther, and maybe do worse, and probably did," Nunn said. Smith was a semi-finalist in the search that led to Wolfe's appointment.

Nunn also said he believed that KSU's future as a four-year institution "hangs in the balance over the next six months," or until the 1992 session of the General Assembly ends. "What we do in the next three months to prepare for that will very well determine the success or failure of that university as a four-year viable institution of higher learning with a mission and a purpose and a historic past that I think needs to be preserved," he added.

In addition to the charges against Wolfe — which involved, among other things, a pay raise he gave himself without the board's approval and nearly \$100,000 for renovation of and equipment for his official residence — the recent controversy also led to discharge of two Wolfe appointees. They were LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs and Karen Hardaway Hill, vice president for student affairs. Their dismissals came after the regents refused to approve their appointments and named others to their posts.

Nunn said yesterday that others at KSU may also deserve termination.

While refusing to name anyone, he said some "agitators," or people he described as ones "who create problems for other people at the university in order to give them a bad name," should also go.

Asked how soon any additional "house-cleaning" should occur, Nunn said: "Now is the hour. Now is the time to do what needs to be done at Kentucky State University."

He noted that the regents were restricted from unilaterally discharging anyone and could only do so upon the recommendation of the president.

"In other words, recommendations for discharge of certain people associated with the university have to come on the recommendation of the president, and we will leave it up to the president to make those recommendations," he added.

Nunn did not say whether he was referring to Smith, who he said is the school's chief executive now, an interim president or Wolfe's permanent successor.

Nunn's term on the KSU board expires Jan. 1, and he has said he does not expect to be reappointed by the next governor. Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt, another KSU regent and former governor, has also said he will not accept reappointment. In addition, one other regent's seat is vacant and the term of another has expired, although that regent is still serving.

Nunn said that the next governor will name strong appointees to the board. "I'm talking about people who will follow through on some of the problems that exist there now, and (ones) willing to face up to those problems," he said.

He also suggested that the historically black school could overcome its current controversy if it gets a good president who "wants to see it survive and has the support of the board."

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KSU's fate lies in hands of assembly, Nunn says

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

The future of Kentucky State University probably will be determined during the 1992 General Assembly, the school's board chairman, Louie B. Nunn, said yesterday.

"Now is the hour. Now is the time to do what needs to be done at Kentucky State University," Nunn said on the WLEX-TV "Your Government" show.

"What we do in the next three months to prepare for that will very well determine the success or failure of that university as a four-year, viable institution of higher learning with a mission and a purpose and a historic past that I think needs to be preserved."

Civil rights leaders have speculated that regents, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson or Nunn want to either close down the school or turn it into a community college. Wilkinson has said he will not close KSU.

Nunn said during the show, "My objective, and the objective of the board, is to retain and see that if at all possible Kentucky State University remains a four-year college

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with its historic past and its mission being carried forward."

After the show, Nunn said he was going to spend three months putting information together to take before the legislature to try to "save the university."

That includes showing lawmakers how the makeup of the school's administrators has changed and detailing solutions to budgetary complications, specifically concerning out-of-state students.

Nunn said the school wrote off nearly \$500,000 in room rent, tuition and board from out-of-state students about four years ago. And there's \$300,000 in that delinquent money again, he said.

"To let these people come in

here and live free of charge and not attend school, well the taxpayers are not going to tolerate that," he said.

Nunn said he was referring to students who received financial aid from KSU but who seldom attended school.

Nunn said he did not think he would return to the board when his term expires in January. But he will discuss that issue with the next governor, who has the power of appointing people to college governing boards.

"What I need to do is start preparing and get some information and get this thing before the legislature, because the legislature is going to be really tough," he said.

A smoldering dispute between the school's board of regents and

President John T. Wolfe Jr. ended Friday when Wolfe resigned.

Wolfe, president for 15 months, was to face nine charges of misconduct, neglect of duty and immorality Friday. Those included allegations that he gave himself a pay raise in violation of his contract and spent about \$100,000 improving his official residence.

In return for his resignation, all charges were dropped against him. Wolfe will receive \$73,228 for being a consultant until July 31, and KSU will continue to provide his medical, hospital and dental coverage while he is a consultant. The school also will pay Wolfe \$9,000 in moving expenses.

During yesterday's show, Nunn said other factors contributed to Wolfe's problems with the board,

including several complaints of absenteeism from faculty. Wolfe also set his inauguration date and sent out invitations without conferring with regents, Nunn said.

"He didn't cooperate or work with the board at all," Nunn said.

He declined to elaborate about other problems that regents discussed behind closed doors.

Nunn conceded that Wolfe inherited some problems from previous administrations. Other problems were carried over by "agitators," some who are still at the school, he said.

"There were people who were there to serve their own interest," he said. He would not identify those people.

"This started out as a power struggle," he said. "There was a power struggle as to which faction would get to Dr. Wolfe and which

one would not get to him."

Responding to questions about the need for an interim president, Nunn said executive vice president Mary Smith would continue to run KSU for the time being.

Smith was interim president during the search that brought Wolfe to KSU from Bowie State University in Maryland. She has told reporters that she does not want the job on a temporary basis.

When asked whether he endorsed her as the next president of KSU, he said, "Let me say we could go farther and maybe do worse, and probably did."

Smith was one of eight semifinalists during the last presidential search. Nunn said he took responsibility for her not being chosen last time.

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Wolfe's resignation raises questions about KSU's future

By Todd Pack
and Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader staff writers

FRANKFORT — Depending on who is doing the talking, Kentucky State University:

Might soon be a community college.

Should stay a liberal arts school.

Has a racist board of regents.

Is lucky to have a board willing to straighten out years of in-fighting and mismanagement.

Will be closed.

Friday's resignation of President John T. Wolfe Jr. clouds the future of KSU even more. The board did not name an interim president Friday or announce any plans to attract a permanent one.

So who will take Wolfe's place? That's just one of several questions about KSU that no one is sure how to answer.

Who will be president?

Rumors about Wolfe's replacement began circulating months ago, even before the regents in September asked him to resign.

Administrators said the seven other people nominated during the search that brought Wolfe to KSU might be considered again. None has officially been contacted by the school, however.

Mary L. Smith, the acting president during the search that brought Wolfe to KSU, is considered a top candidate among many officials. Regents said Friday that she would

be the school's chief executive again — until an interim president is named.

Smith already has most of Wolfe's powers anyway, given to her by the board when it charged Wolfe with nine counts of misconduct, neglect of duty and immorality.

But Smith told reporters that she did not want the job on a temporary basis again. She also would not say whether she wanted it as a permanent position.

Four other people are also frequently mentioned for consideration: William Parker, a retired University of Kentucky vice chancellor for minority affairs; Mitchell Payne, vice president for administration at the University of Louisville; Roy Peterson, associate executive director at the state Council on

Higher Education; and George Wilson, a former KSU regent who was chairman of the board for several years.

Peterson said last week that he had not been contacted by the board. Parker and Payne could not be reached for comment.

Wilson said regents had called him about being interim president. He declined to identify the callers.

Wilson moved back to Kentucky last week, but that didn't have anything to do with the possibility of taking over KSU, he said.

"I was headed back here long before that," he said. "I had no idea that was coming down. It was certainly strange in terms of timing, but that's what happened."

"I kept my home here, so I just decided to move back. I'm consulting and I've got some private business interests going. Other than

that, I'm just trying to get my house straight."

Wilson, who graduated from KSU in 1967, was secretary of the Corrections Cabinet under Govs. John Y. Brown Jr. and Martha Layne Collins. He was the state's first black cabinet secretary. He was in charge of Ohio's prison system for 2½ years beginning in 1988.

But unlike Smith, Wilson said he was interested in the job on only a temporary basis.

"I have one interest, and that's the best interest of Kentucky State University," he said. "I understand that some of their problems were administrative and operational, and I'm an administrator. That's my background. I think I can help them with that."

"If I can, I will. If not, I'll do whatever I can as an alumnus."

But he said he would take the job only on certain terms. "I would have to know clearly what they want, clearly what my authority is and clearly what's expected of me."

Civil rights leaders said the board wants a president it can control.

"I believe that what they're trying to do is have a president that just sits there in the position, holding the title, but then allows the chairman of the board to run the show," said Shelby Lanier, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Louisville chapter.

A.D. Albright, former president of Northern Kentucky and Morehead State universities, said, "It's going to take somebody who can bring people together and get the focus on the opportunities that institution has for anybody."

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KSU's Future (Cont'd)

What is KSU's mission?

KSU was founded in 1886 as the state's only college for blacks. State policy-makers gave it a new mission in the early 1980s as a liberal arts college.

It is the state's smallest public university, with an enrollment of 2,518, according to the Council on Higher Education. It also has the smallest budget — \$19.5 million — of the eight schools.

Wolfe's supporters and civil rights activists contend that the regents want to make KSU a community college or close it down.

Board chairman Louie Nunn "has a record as governor of wanting to do away with Kentucky State," Lanier said.

"I don't believe Nunn can do all that he does if he didn't have the support of the governor," said the Rev. Louis Coleman of Louisville, a KSU alumnus and part-time coach at the school.

But neither could provide evidence that Wilkinson, Nunn or other regents wanted to change KSU.

Wilkinson, who appointed Nunn to the board in 1989, said last week, "I've given no thought to closing down the school."

Nunn said he had no plans to change the school's mission or convert it into a junior college.

"It has a liberal arts mission, and it is centered in the area of black studies," he said. "We need to see that our mission is carried out and that the tradition of the university is not lost."

"It should be remembered as a traditional black university."

A new board?

Nunn's term on the board expires in January. Students, administrators and civil rights leaders have repeatedly asked him to resign, saying he has a heavy-handed, outgoing style that undermines the presidency and often gets in the way.

"I don't think anybody in their right mind would appoint Nunn," Coleman said.

Gov. Collins appointed Nunn to the Morehead State University board in 1986 to end administrative turmoil. In 1989, Wilkinson appointed Nunn and several other Morehead regents, including former Gov. Ned Breathitt, to KSU.

The power to make appointments has come under fire recently, especially with the strife at KSU.

On Tuesday, Coleman and activists gave lawmakers their proposal for taking the power to appoint regents away from the governor. They suggested letting schools name their own boards of regents made mostly of alumni.

Their other choices were for an outside panel to appoint regents or for legislators to hold hearings on nominees.

Wilkinson declined to say whether he thought Nunn was part of the problem at KSU.

How can KSU be fixed?

Nunn said, "I think this (recent controversy) is probably one of the best things that have happened to Kentucky State University in many years.

"It'll help us to determine those who have the greatest interest in the furtherance of our mission and the university," he said.

Albright, who wrote a report about KSU in April 1990, said KSU needed to get a firm understanding of its mission and end squabbling about teachers and administrators.

It must also work harder at selling itself to talented minority students, he said.

"In the last four years, several thousand Afro-American high school graduates have not apparently considered going to Kentucky State," Albright said.

How long will it take?

Albright said that KSU "can work out its problems, but a lot of healing is going to be required."

"I believe the future of Kentucky State University will be determined within the next six months," Nunn said.

KSU Faculty Senate chairman Alan Moore said it might take longer.

"I think we're looking at rather a long process here, probably at least a year to really get beyond it," he said. "With the right president in there and the willingness of a lot of faculty to commit themselves to solving these problems, it could happen a lot quicker."

"I think we're going to get beyond the present crisis and we're going to become stronger and learn a lot from this," Moore said. "Even worse things happen in other places, and those schools survive."

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Campus quiet after weeks of turmoil

By Jamie Lucke

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — One day after John T. Wolfe Jr. resigned as president, Kentucky State University was nearly deserted.

The quiet yesterday contrasted sharply with the previous Saturday, when 75 students occupied the administration building, and two weeks ago, when the Rev. Jesse Jackson made a whirlwind Sunday morning appearance in support of Wolfe.

The few KSU students eating breakfast in the cafeteria responded with shrugs or no comments when asked about Wolfe's decision to step down rather than fight nine charges levied against him by KSU board chairman Louie Nunn. The charges included incompetence and neglect of duty.

Under the settlement reached Friday, Wolfe will receive \$73,228 in salary, \$9,000 in moving expenses, and health insurance until July 31.

Two KSU freshmen — Donnie Criswell of Monticello and Romero Pratt of Detroit — said they were surprised because Wolfe had vowed not to resign. "I expected him to fight it a littler harder," said Pratt, adding, "I'm not really disappointed."

Franklin County Attorney Morris Burton said yesterday that he probably would discuss the evidence against Wolfe with the board's attorney, William Johnson, or the board members "in the next little while." But Burton said he doubted there would be criminal charges.

Among the allegations were that Wolfe gave himself a raise in violation of his contract and that he avoided state law's competitive bidding requirement by allowing the contract for painting and wallpapering his KSU residence to be divided into amounts smaller than \$10,000.

"If there are any glaring matters that appear to be a serious violation of the law, I would certainly have to consider that," Burton said. "I'm also going to consider what I think would be in the best interests of the school and the situation up there in arriving at any decision."

Faculty Senate President Alan Moore said "the board's offer to Dr. Wolfe was very appropriate and proper, and I thought he was very wise to accept it."

"I'm sure that everybody is very relieved that this particular episode in our history is over and that we can now concentrate fully on our main job, which is educating our students."

With many students at home after midterm exams and the football Thoroughbreds taking on Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, yesterday (and losing 77-0), about the only action on the hilltop campus was a Frankfort Area Swim Team meet.

A KSU senior who declined to identify himself said he hoped the dispute was a thing of the past. "That's over with. I hope it goes forward from here."

IU hopes to run study on establishing American-style university in Russia

By KEN KUSMER
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana University officials hope to reach an agreement with Russia by the end of the year on studying the development of an American-style university in the newly democratic republic, a professor said Saturday.

IU is seeking private money for a study examining the establishment of such a school in Moscow or St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) and what form would best suit the school, said Charles Bonser, who heads the informal IU task force studying the issue.

Preliminary discussions have not determined yet what body would operate such a university, but the school may resemble the American universities operated in Cairo, Egypt, and Beirut, Lebanon, Bonser said in a telephone interview from his Bloomington home.

Those universities offer programs in English with American-style programs and degrees and have American faculty, Bonser said.

Another of at least half a dozen models being examined is that of a program in Malaysia called the Midwest University Consortium for International Activities, attended by young Malaysians who later can travel to the United State for advanced studies. IU helps direct that program.

IU, which has a leading Russian and Eastern European studies department, is interested in a school in Russia because it may provide new opportunities for its own students, Bonser said. IU also has Russian students studying in Bloomington, he said.

"What we're looking at is an American university presence, but that is yet to be defined. We would have to find the most appropriate model," he said.

The academic programming could include graduate professional work in business, law, journalism and other areas, said Bonser, a professor in IU's schools of business and public and environmental affairs.

Bonser, director of IU's Institute for Development Strategies, said he discussed the topic Thursday in

Washington with the Russian minister of higher education and science, Nikolay Malychev.

IU has applied to a private philanthropic foundation for about \$100,000 for a six-month feasibility study, Bonser said.

Most of the money would be used for travel, he said.

If the money is obtained, IU would pursue an agreement with Russian officials by December and a draft report might be prepared by late January. A planning conference in Bloomington involving a Russian delegation might then follow in February, Bonser said.

It's difficult to forecast how quickly such a school could be established, he said.

"In my view, it's not something that should be dragged out long-term. There's a real window of receptivity in Moscow," Bonser said.

The informal task force examining IU's involvement includes Cecil Byrd, a former dean of libraries who once served as president of the American University in Cairo, as well as specialists in international affairs, education, Russian history and business, Bonser said.

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IN OUR VIEW

Tone it down!

Morehead ordinance limiting noise could improve town-gown relations

A noise ordinance approved by the Morehead City Council could improve, not worsen, relations between city residents and Morehead State University students by forcing Greek organizations to be better neighbors.

The ordinance was adopted over the opposition of the MSU Intrafraternity Council, an organization representing 14 Greek organizations on campus.

Ronald Hopkins, an MSU junior and member of Sigma Nu fraternity, accused the council of being insensitive to the college and perpetuating hard feelings between townspeople and college students. "I don't understand why the council is so against the college," he said.

Tom James, vice president for administration for the Intrafraternity Council, said constant fines for violating the ordinance could threaten the existence of fraternities at Morehead.

The council is only seeing the fraternities' side of the issue. Fraternity parties that are so loud they draw the complaints of neighbors are doing every bit as much to worsen town-gown relations as an ordinance banning disturbing noise between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. And if a fraternity has so many loud parties that its existence is threatened by the \$25 to \$100

This is not an anti-Morehead State University ordinance. Rather it is an attempt to coerce all residents into being more considerate of their neighbors.

fines imposed for violating the ordinance, then it probably is having too many noisy celebrations.

Loud fraternity parties are not the major impetus for the ordinance. When first proposed, the council was seeking a legal means to keep inconsiderate drivers from turning their car stereos to a volume level that can be heard a block away, a practice that is rude, disruptive and dangerous.

This is not an anti-Morehead State University ordinance. Rather it is an attempt to coerce all residents into being more considerate of their neighbors. The ordinance does not prevent fraternities or anyone else from having parties; it only says that the noise level at those parties must be kept at a non-disruptive level. That's reasonable.

Newspapers, UK argue in court about access to basketball report

By Jim Warren

Herald-Leader staff writer

Debate about the meaning of the word "preliminary" dominated oral arguments before the state Supreme Court yesterday in a two-year-old lawsuit by three newspapers against the University of Kentucky.

But no ruling was made in the case.

At issue is whether the Herald-Leader, The Courier-Journal and The Kentucky Post should have full access to a report UK prepared on its basketball program in response to a 1988 NCAA inquiry.

The court heard arguments yesterday at the UK law school building.

That inquiry came after allegations that UK assistant basketball coach Dwane Casey sent \$1,000 in an Emery Air Freight package to the father of UK recruit Chris Mills. Casey denies that he sent any money.

UK contends that the newspapers are not entitled to see the documentary evidence it gathered in developing the report.

Attorney Paul Van Booven, representing UK, argued that the material was preliminary and not part of the final report, thus exempt from Kentucky's open records law.

Van Booven further argued that making public such confidential matter would set a precedent that could hinder future investigations.

If UK cannot offer its sources anonymity — as newspapers sometimes do — sources would dry up, he said.

Attorneys for the newspapers said, however, that the documentary evidence was not preliminary because UK had submitted it to the NCAA with the basketball report. In effect, they said, that made the evidence part of the final report and subject to the open records law.

Attorney Jon Fleischaker, who represents The Courier-Journal, argued that the public had a right to see the supporting evidence so it could judge how UK officials handled the basketball investigation.

"The public has a right to know, not only what decisions were made, but how they were made."

Lexington attorney Tom Miller, representing the Herald-Leader, also said it was crucial to know the facts on which decisions were made.

"At least let the public know ... whether the people controlling their money are doing a proper job," he said.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Stephens, a UK trustee, stepped aside from the case. Lexington attorney Burl McCoy sat in his stead.

The Emery Air Freight incident ultimately led to the resignations of Casey, UK Athletics Director Cliff Hagan and basketball coach Eddie Sutton. Chris Mills transferred to Arizona. UK's basketball program received some sanctions and a three-year NCAA probation.

The Courier-Journal and The

Kentucky Post originally filed suit in Fayette Circuit Court seeking access to UK's report on the incident.

Fayette Circuit Judge George Barker said they could see the report, but not the investigative reports, witness statements and other supporting materials.

The newspapers appealed that decision to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Last year, it reversed Barker and said the papers could see the documents.

However, UK appealed that decision to the Supreme Court, setting up yesterday's arguments. A ruling is expected later this year.

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\$31.7 million funding cut causes hiring freeze at UK

Staff, wire reports

The University of Kentucky announced a hiring freeze yesterday in response to a \$31.7 million cut in higher education funding by the state.

According to a memorandum from UK President Charles Wethington, the hiring freeze went into effect yesterday for all non-faculty positions.

Positions that will not be affected by the freeze include jobs in the university hospital, auxiliaries, affiliates and positions totally supported by restricted (grant and contract) funds.

The higher education budget reductions are a result of a \$155 million shortfall in state revenue estimates for 1991-92 from previous estimates.

Those revised estimates were announced Tuesday by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson. The state's general fund will be reduced by \$85 million to make up for the shortfall, with most of the cuts coming in higher education, construction projects and other state agencies.

The Council on Higher Education is expected to meet Nov. 4 to determine how much of the budget reduction will be allocated to UK and other universities around the state.

UK will review the hiring freeze and other budget-cutting options after the council meeting, according to the memorandum.

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Pikeville College announces fund drive

PIKEVILLE — To celebrate its 102nd birthday, Pikeville College announced a \$15 million fund drive yesterday and dedicated its first new building in 19 years.

The liberal arts college's three-year "Campaign for the Future" is aimed at raising \$3 million for the school's endowment, which is now \$6.7 million, said college spokesman Robert Lewis.

Lewis said another goal is to raise \$7.5 million for educational facilities and to make existing school buildings accessible to the handicapped. The school also hopes to raise \$4.5 million in annual gifts for scholarships and other expenses.

The co-chairmen of the fund committee are William Sturgill, founder of Golden Oak Mining Co., and Paul Patton, Pike County judge-executive and Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor.

Sturgill is chairman of the school's board of trustees, and Patton is a board member.

The school also dedicated the Frank M. Allara Library, a \$2.5 million building named for the West Virginia native who has long been a generous donor to the school. The library, which opened in August, is an expansion of the Pikeville Methodist Hospital building erected in 1957 and bought by the school in 1988.

Pikeville College is an independent institution affiliated with Presbyterian Church (USA).

Gaither: Morehead didn't support his program

By Rick Bailey

Herald-Leader staff writer

Tommy Gaither didn't mind burning bridges behind him when he resigned as basketball coach at Morehead State last spring.

Amid speculation that his contract wouldn't be renewed, Gaither chose to resign, then packed up his

family and returned to South Carolina. He now is coaching boys' basketball and cross country and teaching at Georgetown High School, south of Myrtle Beach.

"We love being back home,"

Gaither told the Myrtle Beach Sun Herald. Gaither also made a few comments about his time at Morehead.

"The administration wanted a consistent winner," Gaither said. "They saw basketball as the only way the university could ever get on the map or generate any revenue."

"I was told I'd be able to do what I wanted to with the program and that I'd be given all the help within reason to turn the program around."

After two years at Morehead, Gaither said he was told the basketball budget, among the smallest in the Ohio Valley Conference, would be cut by 10 percent.

After his third year, Gaither said he was told to start playing more big-time teams. The problem, he said, was the financial guarantees would not go back into the basketball program.

Gaither said he agreed to stay after he was allowed to keep some of the guarantees for basketball. But before his fourth, and last, season, he said he was told those guarantees wouldn't come to the program after all.

A Morehead official responded to Gaither's comments.

"Mr. Gaither certainly is entitled to his opinions and his version of history," said Keith Kappes, vice president for university advancement and senior officer responsible for athletics.

"However, the facts show that he had more resources than any previous basketball coach at MSU."

We feel that he had ample opportunity to be successful.

"A new, more positive era in Eagle basketball began this week. We are excited about the future of our program under the enthusiastic leadership of Coach Dick Fick."

Despite the differences, Gaither said, "I hope Morehead State does well this year. They should. We left them with a very good ballclub."

OVC standings

Team	OVC	All
Eastern Ky.....	3-0	5-1
Middle Tenn.....	3-1	4-1
Austin Peay.....	1-1	3-2
Tenn. State.....	1-2	1-5
SE Missouri.....	1-2	1-6
Morehead St.....	0-1	1-4
Murray St.....	0-2	2-4
Tennessee Tech.....	0-2	0-6

Today's games

Middle Tenn. at Florida St. (6-0)
Morehead St. at Murray St.
Austin Peay at Tennessee Tech
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Fick having fun at Morehead State

By TONY CURNUTTE

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MOREHEAD — First-year Morehead State basketball coach Dick Fick hasn't lost any zeal for his new position three days into the practice season.

"I have always been enthusiastic, whether I was an assistant or a head coach," he said. "I've been fortunate enough that people have allowed me to be a basketball coach — not just a recruiter, not just an office person. It's helped me a ton."

"I think you've got to be enthusiastic. It's college basketball. It's not war or brain surgery. It's fun. It's exciting

and it's hard effort — not work — just hard effort. I would hope I would always be enthusiastic."

Fick, who served as an assistant at Creighton University before succeeding Tommy Gaither at Morehead, has used the three practice days to familiarize himself with his talent.

"This is the first time I've really seen what kind of hand I've been dealt," Fick said. "We've made evaluations on people basically on six hours of practice and their off-season conditioning and weightlifting."

"I now know better where we need to go. I have a better feel for the players we have."

The Eagles return a host of players, including starters P.J. Nichols, Brett Roberts and Pat Tubbs. Center Doug Bentz, who started the 1989-90 season but sat out last year with a collapsed lung, also comes back.

"I can't say enough about Brett," Fick said. "He's a coach's dream. His work ethic, strength and competitiveness, I am extremely happy about."

Red-shirt freshman Mike Helton, a graduate of Fairview High School, has been working out at point guard.

"He had a really good day the other day," Fick said.

"We're playing him at the point because there are skills he needs to develop like ball-

handling against pressure. To upgrade him for the major college basketball level, his ball handling and passing are going to be two major factors for him."

"By putting him at point guard, we've put him in a position to improve on those things. He has shot extremely well. I'm very happy for him."

Fifth-year senior Greg Wheeler has impressed Fick.

"He doesn't have to be here," he said. "He has his degree but he lifts at 5:45 in the morning four days a week and works on conditioning."

"He gives us flexibility. He can play a couple of spots."

While transfer Kelly Wells is ineligible until next season,

he has been contributing, along with Creighton transfers Todd Geyer and Johnnie Williams.

"Those three guys sitting out are really helping," Fick said. "They are very fine basketball players and going up against them is making our kids much better."

"We obviously have a bright future. Our recruiting is going extremely well and we'll have Vic Saunders, who is ineligible because of Proposition 48, next year. But we're concentrating on this year. We owe it to the seniors as long as they show me they want to compete on a high level to give them the best that we can give them."

Appeals court won't prevent today's KSU hearing on Wolfe

By GIL LAWSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The Court of Appeals yesterday refused to halt a hearing set for today on charges against Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. that could lead to his ouster.

The hearing, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., involves nine charges — alleging incompetence, immoral conduct and neglect of duty — that were brought earlier this month by KSU regent Chairman Louie Nunn.

Wolfe's attorneys took the case to the appeals court after Franklin Circuit Court Judge William Graham denied Wolfe's request for a temporary restraining order Wednesday.

Wolfe's attorneys contended that the regents violated the state Open Meetings Law at their special meeting Oct. 7, during which the charges were made. The charges were announced publicly after being discussed in a two-hour closed session.

But the appeals court agreed with Graham, saying there was nothing wrong with the way the charges were made and that the Open Meetings Law had nothing to do with the case. The judges said no regents meeting or vote was necessary to bring the charges. The order was signed by Judge Thomas Emberton, joined by judges Anthony Wilhoit and R. W. Dyche III.

Wolfe's lead attorney, William E. McAnulty Jr. of Louisville, said last night that he would not appeal yesterday's decision.

The charges against Wolfe include failure to properly carry out his duties, deception concerning nearly \$100,000 in expenditures for his campus home and possible threats to

KSU employees that they might lose their jobs if they did not privately raise money for his inaugural activities. Wolfe's inauguration, scheduled for Oct. 5, was canceled by the regents.

Barbara Hartung, an attorney for Wolfe, said during the hearing that the charges against Wolfe were brought by the board, and not by chairman Nunn, as required by law.

But Wilhoit questioned whether Wolfe wasn't simply seeking to delay the inevitable, since Nunn signed the document listing the charges and obviously approved of them. "What have we accomplished for the public good? What have we accomplished for Dr. Wolfe?" Wilhoit asked.

William E. Johnson, the attorney for the regents, said Graham's order should be upheld because Nunn did prefer the charges and Wolfe must exhaust his administrative efforts before going to court. He also said Wolfe had no legal right to appeal Graham's ruling because it dealt with a request for a restraining order. "They're just trying to prevent this hearing from happening tomorrow," Johnson said.

Johnson also said that there was no "formal vote" when the regents met privately during the Oct. 7 meeting and that no public vote was required under the law.

The regents also stripped Wolfe of most of his powers and delegated them to Dr. Mary Smith, who was named executive vice president and special assistant to the board. There was no formal vote on the decision to transfer the powers.

Kentucky Educational Television will broadcast today's hearing live from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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New 'mission statement' will help WKU regents in making decisions

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN — Western Kentucky University regent Chairman Joe Iracane says the board will use a "mission statement" to help in making decisions.

The nine-page document was written mostly by Iracane and displayed by him Wednesday.

Western President Thomas Meredith, who attended the news conference but did not speak, said afterward that "it would be hard to be in disagreement" with the document.

In an interview later, Iracane said some in the university community had not understood that the regents were following up on recommendations set out by Western 21, a long-range planning document that assigned priorities to academic and support programs.

A universitywide budget review accompanied Western 21.

Some of those recommendations urged the regents to take a closer look at the university's student-health services, food services, athletics funding, and fund-raising efforts. Iracane appointed a series of committees last week to study those

issues.

The regents' review of student-health services — with an eye toward possibly turning those services over to a private company — has drawn much student opposition.

Iracane said the regents thought the health services should be self-supporting, something a private company could guarantee.

He said, however, that the regents learned last week that the health services were closer to being self-supporting than originally thought. But he still has not ruled out the possibility of a private company running them, he said.

This week, Iracane was one of several regents criticized by another regent, Bobby Bartley of Glasgow, for being interested only "in sports and penny-ante stuff."

Wolfe resigns his KSU post

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — In an unexpected turnabout, Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. resigned yesterday and averted a board of regents' hearing on charges that could have led to his ouster.

Wolfe's resignation was part of a settlement package that included withdrawal of charges of incompetence, immorality and neglect of duty; continuation of his salary until July 31, 1992; and agreement with the board that no legal action would be initiated.

The settlement was announced after

the regents spent most of the day in closed session and continued negotiations between Wolfe's lawyers and the regents. The bargaining, which had been going on behind the scenes for several days, was resumed yesterday, shortly after the hearing started.

Although numerous witnesses were

present yesterday to testify on the charges made against Wolfe Oct. 7, no testimony was taken.

Wolfe immediately left the Capitol Annex hearing room after the settlement was announced by regent Chairman Louie B. Nunn.

Wolfe said he had no comment. "I'll

make a comment at the appropriate time. Right now, I'd just like to spend some time with my family," he said.

Wolfe has been embroiled in a two-month controversy with the board over various personnel matters, the cost of renovating his campus residence and a 9.5 percent raise he gave himself without the regents' approval. Wolfe later returned the pay raise.

Wolfe has also lost support of many KSU faculty members. In a faculty referendum earlier this week, only five of 92 participating professors said he

should remain as president.

The regents also resolved a lingering personnel dispute yesterday by naming two new KSU vice presidents to positions already held by Wolfe appointees. Paul Glaser, KSU's controller, was named vice president for business affairs to succeed LeRoy Summers. Betty Gibson was named vice president for student affairs, succeeding Karen Hardaway-Hill. Gibson had been an assistant to Hill.

Although Summers and Hill joined KSU in July, their appointments had never been approved by the regents, and yesterday's action strips them of their jobs.

Student regent Chris Rasheed vigorously protested the new appointments. He said Summers had never been allowed to defend himself against any accusations. The action, Rasheed said, violated Summers' rights.

He also said that Hill had been an effective vice president for student affairs. "There have been jealous people who have put out negative allegations against her. This board was supposed to investigate those allegations, but has not done that," he added to applause from several people in the audience.

Rasheed called the board "inept" and said it did not respect students' wishes. "At this point I am ashamed to be a member of the board and I am considering resigning," he added.

Wolfe's exit makes him the third president since early 1982 to leave the historically black university under fire. His predecessors were

W. A. Butts and Raymond Burse.

The regents named no acting president to succeed Wolfe. Regent Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt said that Mary Smith would continue to be the school's chief executive. She was named executive vice president and special assistant to the board Oct. 7 after the board stripped Wolfe of most of his responsibilities.

"She will be the person empowered by the board with running the school until such time as an acting president is named and a permanent president is named," Breathitt said.

Board attorney William E. Johnson said earlier yesterday in an interview that he believed state law requires appointment of at least an acting president soon because Kentucky's statutes specify that some university business can only be handled by the board through recommendations of a president or acting president.

Smith, who was acting president before Wolfe became president July 1, 1990, spent more than an hour huddled with the board in closed session yesterday after the Wolfe settlement was announced. She has previously said she was not interested in the post on an acting basis.

Four others reportedly under consideration for that post are George Wilson, a former chairman of the board of regents who is also a former state corrections commissioner; William Parker, a retired University of Kentucky vice chancellor for minority affairs; Mitchell Payne, a University of Louisville assistant vice president; and Roy Peterson, an associate executive director of the state Council on Higher Education.

Wolfe will continue to receive a

pro-rated share of his \$92,500-a-year salary — or \$73,228 — through next July. That requires him to act as a KSU off-campus consultant up to 40 hours per month. As a consultant, he will advise his successor on student recruiting, analysis of academic programs, and federally funded programs.

Johnson said the consultant's role was necessary because Kentucky's Constitution prohibits payment of state funds unless services are rendered.

Other terms of the settlement include \$9,000 for moving expenses, continuation of health benefits through next July, resignation of his tenured professorship and vacating of his campus residence by Nov. 18th.

Johnson said the settlement was reached because "both parties had the interest of the university at heart and wanted to find a resolution to a very delicate problem."

Last month Wolfe refused a request from the regents that he resign, and earlier this week he tried in Franklin Circuit Court and before a state Court of Appeals panel to delay yesterday's hearing. Some of his supporters have charged Nunn and some of the other regents with racism and called Gov. Wallace Wilkinson to replace them. Wilkinson said he supported the board.

Most regents expected Wolfe to continue his struggle in the courts if he had been fired after yesterday's hearing.

The charges brought against him by Nunn included inattentiveness to his campus duties, the nearly \$100,000 spent for renovating the president's home — which exceeded the authorized amount — and the unilateral raise. He also allegedly allowed a contract for some of the

home expenditures to be split into amounts of less than \$10,000 to avoid competitive bidding.

Nunn also charged that Wolfe had used university employees to raise private funds to pay for his Oct. 5 inauguration, which the board canceled.

Yesterday's hearing drew a crowd of KSU officials, faculty and staff members. Most of Wolfe's supporters, present appeared surprised when the settlement was announced.

KSU student government President Keshia Stone declined to comment on it.

Curt Sullivan, an alumni association official, said he believed the situation could have been resolved earlier if Wolfe and the regents had communicated with each other.

"It's an unfortunate situation," Sullivan said. "I just hope that now we can come together at this university and begin to deal with not only the board, but all of the allegations that have been raised and try to come up with a creative and constructive concept that will overcome these types of situations in the future."

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Stephens keeps seat on UK board

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert F. Stephens retains his seat on the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees and former U.S. Sen. Walter "Dee" Huddleston will leave the UK board under an executive order issued by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson yesterday.

Stephens has served on the board since his appointment during the term of Gov. Martha Layne Collins. Although his term officially ended Dec. 31, 1990, he has continued to serve because Wilkinson has not named a replacement.

Huddleston's term ended Dec. 31, 1989, and he also has continued to serve.

Wilkinson's order yesterday named Stephens to the trustee seat held by Huddleston. Stephens' new term will expire Dec. 31, 1993.

KSU's embattled Wolfe resigns

Ex-chief on payroll until July; regents drop all charges

By Eric Gregory
and Jonathan Miller

Herald-Leader staff writers

FRANKFORT — John T. Wolfe Jr. resigned as president of Kentucky State University yesterday, avoiding a hearing where he was to answer charges of incompetence, neglect of duty and immoral conduct.

In return, the KSU Board of Regents dropped all nine charges against Wolfe and agreed to keep him on the payroll until July 31.

No interim president was named, even though the board spent more than two hours in closed session discussing temporary replacements.

Regent Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt said the board was talking to Mary L. Smith about taking the helm temporarily. Smith was acting president during the search that brought Wolfe to KSU from Bowie State University in Maryland in 1990.

Smith, however, said yesterday that she was not interested in the post on a temporary basis. She would not say whether she had been offered the position, or whether she had turned it down.

Those claims were included in the nine charges Nunn filed against Wolfe earlier this month. Wolfe was to answer those allegations yesterday, but the hearing was only minutes old when regents went into closed session and attorneys began seriously negotiating a settlement.

As part of his agreement, Wolfe will receive \$73,228 for being a consultant until July 31. William E. Johnson, the board attorney, said such an arrangement was needed because the state constitution prohibits payment of state money without services rendered.

Wolfe's duties will include recruiting students and analyzing academic and federally funded programs. All consulting work must be performed off campus, the settlement said, and limited to 40 hours a month. KSU will continue to provide his medical, hospital and dental coverage while he is a consultant.

The school also will pay Wolfe \$9,000 in moving expenses. He must vacate Hillcrest Place, his university-owned house, by Nov. 18.

Clayton Farmer, KSU director of facilities management, said Wolfe planned to move out of his campus office Monday.

Wolfe, the board and the university also agreed not to sue one another.

In other action yesterday, regents dismissed two more of Wolfe's top-level administrators — LeRoy Summers, vice president for business affairs and treasurer, and Karen Hardaway Hill, vice president for student affairs.

No reason was given for their release. They were not fired; regents decided not to approve their contracts.

Summers could not be reached for comment yesterday. Hill said, "It's strange to me that everyone that gets fired is African American."

Hill and Summers are black. At its previous meeting, the board fired three of Wolfe's top officials, all of whom are black.

Chris Rasheed, the student regent on the board, opposed Hill's dismissal during the vote to replace her.

"Karen Hill has been the best vice president of student affairs KSU has had," he said. "I feel this board is inept. I'm ashamed of this board and am considering resigning."

Rasheed then grabbed his coat and walked out of the meeting.

Faculty regent Richard Taylor also announced the results of a poll taken among instructors Wednesday. The survey asked faculty members if Wolfe should continue as KSU president.

Taylor said 84 said no, five said yes and three abstained.

Wolfe's settlement

- Kentucky State University will pay Wolfe \$9,000 for moving expenses. He must vacate his university-owned house, Hillcrest Place, by Nov. 18.

- Nine charges of incompetence, neglect of duty and immoral conduct against Wolfe will be dropped.

- Wolfe, the board and KSU will not sue one another.

- Wolfe will be paid \$73,228 to act as a consultant for the university until July 31. Board attorney William E. Johnson said that arrangement was needed because the state constitution forbids payment of state money without a service being rendered.

- The university will continue to provide Wolfe's medical, hospital and dental insurance coverage until July 31.

Smith was named executive vice president and special assistant to the board earlier this month when regents stripped Wolfe of his financial presidential duties and gave them to her.

Wolfe, president for only 15 months, had vowed not to resign. He declined to comment yesterday. "Hey, folks, give me a break, will you?" he said when questioned by reporters after his resignation was announced.

"I'll make a comment at the appropriate time. Right now, I'd like to go spend time with my family."

He quickly left the building, accompanied by several KSU campus police officers.

Wolfe has been openly battling with the board, especially Chairman Louie B. Nunn, for nearly four months. The relationship soured when regents twice refused to approve Wolfe's slate of top aides, usually a formality.

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Businessman Young pledges \$5 million to UK library

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Businessman W. T. Young pledged \$5 million yesterday toward construction of a new library at the University of Kentucky.

Young's promise to match other contributions up to that total virtually assures that the university will reach its goal of raising \$12 million from private sources for the library, said UK President Charles Wethington.

The university will ask the General Assembly next year to provide the remaining \$46 million for the \$58 million project, Wethington said. Despite the state government's fiscal squeeze, Wethington said he is confident the legislature will look favorably on the idea.

Wethington, president for barely a year, has made construction of a new central library his primary initiative.

Thoroughbred horseman John P. Gaines, who is chairman of fund raising for the library, said the current M. I. King Library is overburdened.

The library has space for some 900 people to work, read and study, but about 5,000 people use it each day. An underground storage facility in Wilmore contains 5,000 cubic feet of books that cannot be handled on campus.

"The need is profound," Gaines said.

University officials are promoting a new library, which Wethington said would be named after Young, a former UK trustee — as a clearinghouse for UK, public schools and other universities in the state.

The site for the new library has not been selected, but Wethington said it likely will be built adjacent to the central campus near the Chemistry-Physics Building.

The current library would be used for special collections and the fine-arts library, Wethington said.

Young's gift is the largest in the university's history from an alumnus. A \$5 million gift several years ago was pledged by an anonymous benefactor who was not an alumnus.

Young earned a mechanical-engineering degree from UK in 1939 and has become one of the wealthiest men in the state through a host of business interests that include Humana Inc., race horses, banking, soft drinks and storage. He said he has long looked for a way to help the school.

"In sum, the University of Kentucky has been a major influence in my life. For this, I express my sincere appreciation," he said.

Wolfe honeymoon resembles trip to divorce court

ANALYSIS

By RICHARD WILSON, Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — The kudos were flying like wedding rice that day in March 1990, when John Wolfe Jr. was named president of Kentucky State University.

Regent Chairman Louie B. Nunn called him the most qualified candidate for a college presidency he'd ever seen.

"He's someone we've waited a long time for," said Alan Moore, the faculty-senate president.

Wolfe reaped enthusiastic, nearly unanimous support from the school's faculty, students and alumni.

But now, 18 months later, that sweet wedding-day atmosphere has soured. And Wolfe is headed toward a higher-education version of divorce court.

Today he begins answering charges of incompetence, immorality and neglect of duty before KSU's board of regents. If the charges are proven, Wolfe will almost certainly become the first state university president in Kentucky

history to be fired.

Wolfe's disputes with KSU's board have been well-chronicled for weeks. But his problems began emerging long before he decided in early August to make public a dispute with Nunn, a former governor.

More than a year ago, some of Wolfe's own administrators were displeased with the president for putting off decisions and being away from the campus so often. Even some of the regents who chose him recall that he made virtually no effort to communicate with them outside of formal board meetings.

And earlier this year, Wolfe became embroiled in a messy standoff with many faculty members when he insisted on mandatory peer evaluation for promotion, tenure and merit-pay eligibility. Faculty leaders contended that this constituted an improper change in personnel procedures, which required only periodic peer evaluation.

Wolfe stridently opposed any compromise on the issue, then-faculty senate President Marty Woelfel recalls.

"That was the first issue that got a large number of faculty united and saying 'You're wrong,'" to Wolfe, Woelfel added. But she and others say the faculty was noticing other problems.

"There was already a feeling by then that you didn't get a timely response from the president's office on whatever it was. There was also a growing feeling during the previous (fall 1990) semester that he was gone from the campus so much

that he didn't know what was going on because he wasn't there," Woelfel added.

In a mid-August interview, Wolfe acknowledged his early absences from the campus, but he said he was following regents' instructions to travel Kentucky to determine why KSU's image was suffering.

Other faculty members complained that Wolfe retained too many officials from the administra-

tion of his predecessor, Raymond Burse.

"His presidency actually depends, or hangs, more on very small details, rather than on those big accusations that are brought forth against him now," contends Paul Ciholas, a retired KSU professor. "I think if he had been more aware of those small details (about KSU), those larger issues would never have come up."

By early spring, these and other issues began to mushroom. A growing number of professors and KSU staff members began to accelerate their correspondence to Nunn. Most of it outlined growing doubts about Wolfe's leadership.

Two months ago, Nunn showed a reporter two large file folders of correspondence from KSU faculty and staff members and students.

Many of the complaints, Nunn said, dealt with personnel issues and some policy matters, including a KSU-backed plan approved by the state's higher-education council to increase the number of black faculty members. One letter contained an attached December 1990 report that said between 1983 and 1988 KSU lost nearly 50 percent of its full-time

students between their freshman and sophomore years.

Nunn said earlier this fall that he couldn't get Wolfe to seriously consider issues raised in the letters, which he forwarded to the president.

The growing tension between Wolfe and Nunn broke into the open in late August, when Wolfe said in a Courier-Journal story that Nunn was improperly intruding in KSU management issues. Wolfe said Nunn had "hammered away at me for more than a year" to fire Charles Lambert, vice president for university relations, and administrators MacArthur Darby and Reggie Thomas. (The regents fired Lambert and Darby on Oct. 7.)

Nunn denied that he pressured Wolfe to fire anyone, but he acknowledged that he had sent Wolfe allegations against Lambert and Darby contained in the correspondence he received from the campus.

At the same time, another dispute emerged between Wolfe and Nunn. That was the university's move to seek bids for a new external auditor to replace Rankin, Rankin & Co., a Covington accounting firm whose performance had left some KSU officials dissatisfied. Some Wolfe aides contended that Nunn steered the initial contract to the company. And an internal KSU document says Nunn insisted that the Covington firm be retained for another year.

Nunn denied both charges, but he said Wolfe should have informed the board that bids were being sought for a new auditor. The regents finally awarded a new contract to Arthur Andersen & Co., the

low bidder.

For the past two months, charges and countercharges have been flying.

Many Wolfe supporters, including state civil-rights groups and KSU alumni leaders, have charged Nunn with racist motives and have called for the entire board to be replaced. Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, who appointed all but the faculty and student regents, has refused, saying he supports his appointees.

Others have charged the board with not giving Wolfe a chance to do his job — with deliberately undercutting him to unfairly force his ouster.

The steady drumbeat of controversy has intensified, and revelations of new expenditures for renovation of Wolfe's official residence and a pay raise Wolfe gave himself without board approval, have led to other charges.

Renovation expenditures, according to records, included more than \$14,000 for computer, facsimile and copying equipment; more than \$3,000 for trees and landscaping supplies; \$1,623 to replace ceramic entry-floor tile with marble; and \$979 for a "Posturpedic Ultra Premium Majestic Ultra Plush Pillowtop" mattress.

Wolfe has experienced the shortest honeymoon ever given one of the state's university presidents. Today's hearing, expected to last through tomorrow, will determine whether the regents proceed with divorce.

WKU head among 13 candidates

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky University President Thomas C. Meredith is one of 13 remaining candidates for the presidency of the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

Dean McFall, director of public affairs at the Florida school, said the 13 will be invited to Orlando for interviews Oct. 23-25. On Oct. 31, using recommendations from a presidential search advisory committee, Florida's state Board of Regents will narrow the list to five finalists, McFall said.

Kala Stroup, former president of Murray State University, was a finalist for the same job at Central Florida in 1989. She later withdrew her name, saying she was committed to staying at Murray.

Official focuses on school's image

Uniqueness of PCC at center of campaign

By **ROGER ALFORD**
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PRESTONSBURG — The new president of Prestonsburg Community College plans to play up the positive features of the campus.

"There's a lot of distinctive and unique features about this college, and we're doing the best we can to help promote and brag about these features," said Deborah Lee Floyd, the Texan recently appointed head of the two-year college.

For example, Floyd boasts that her campus is one of the prettiest around, and the fall colors in the Big Sandy Valley accentuate that.

The University of Kentucky public-relations department also recognizes that.

Floyd spent Wednesday afternoon in a brochure photo session with John Mitchell, UK's chief photographer, who wanted to capture the new president on campus with the orange, crimson and yellow mountains in the background.

Carolyn Turner, an English professor, has been reassigned as assistant to the president, charged with helping to enhance the image of the institution. Her primary responsibility is sharing information with the community and news media.

"We've also been doing what I call a cosmetic face lift of the campus," Floyd said. "We

have remodeled the oldest building on campus, and we are systematically going through the campus cleaning, painting and doing what I call a face lift. That will not be done overnight, but we are already experiencing positive comments from people."

Floyd has brought an outsider's view to the economic woes of eastern Kentucky — a view that, coincidentally, reflects that of longtime residents.

"The college has to work cooperatively and collaboratively for economic development," she said. "It's very important for us to have strong relationships with the agencies that are promoting economic development."

That's one of Floyd's first chores, to nurture the relationships with the chamber of commerce, vocational schools in the area, the Big Sandy Area Development District and businesses.

"To create jobs and keep people working means we all have to be rowing in the same direction and not competing with one another," she said. "We are in a unique position to make a difference in a team approach."

Floyd is the first woman president of the college. She replaced Henry Campbell Jr., who retired in June. She is the only woman serving as president of a community college in Kentucky.

Floyd, 39, served as vice president of student development at Collin County Community College District in McKinney and Plano, Texas. She was dean of students and associate vice chancellor at Eastern Iowa Community College in Davenport from 1980 to 1985.

She holds bachelor and master's degrees from East Texas State University and a doctorate from Virginia Tech.

Having a woman in a position of leadership is not new in Prestonsburg. The mayor of Prestonsburg is Ann Latta. The president of the Prestonsburg Chamber of Commerce is Delores Smith.

"I have been a college administrator over 15 years, so I am accustomed to working in a male-dominated environment," Floyd said. "That may be truthfully why the gender issue is not that big of a deal for me."

"I really don't consider gender to be that big of an issue. In fact, 70 percent of our

students are female."

With three months behind her, Floyd said she loves eastern Kentucky.

"I think the people are tremendous," she said. "They're genuine. They're warm. They're caring and they're creative. And they care about their home."

Totenberg to speak at UK

Nina Totenberg, legal-affairs correspondent for National Public Radio, will speak on "Covering the Courts: Cases, Convictions and Confirmations" at 7 p.m. on Nov. 7 in Memorial Hall at the University of Kentucky.

Totenberg's reports appear regularly on NPR's "All Things Considered," "Morning Edition" and "Weekend Edition."

She also is a regular contributor to the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour on National Public Television.

Her coverage of legal affairs has won several awards. Totenberg has covered the U.S. Supreme Court confirmation process for many years, including the recent nomination of Clarence Thomas.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

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KSU students praised

The recent actions of students at Kentucky State University are a source of pride and hope to me as an African-American woman. These young people, during my time with them, were courteous and polite, while acting with great bravery against a real injustice. Their capacity for leadership was clear, a gift our state needs badly as we work for basic changes. These young people, who are our future, deserve our support and thanks as they struggle to keep hope alive for tomorrow. I urge all citizens to join them in working for a strong, vital KSU.

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Morehead announces hiring freeze because of state funding cutbacks

By Nick Comer
Herald-Leader staff writer

Morehead State University yesterday became the second public university in the state to announce a hiring freeze as a result of expected cuts in state funding.

The University of Kentucky announced a similar hiring freeze Friday in response to news that the state budget for higher education will be reduced by \$31.7 million.

Morehead is awaiting word from the Council on Higher Education before deciding whether to cut the school's budget, Morehead President C. Nelson Grote said in a statement.

The council, which will meet Nov. 4, will decide how much each

university must absorb of the \$31.7 million budget cut.

Kentucky's public universities can expect to have their state funding reduced by roughly 5 percent from the previous budget, said Norman Snider, the council's director of communications services.

While the hiring freeze is in effect at Morehead, vacant positions will be filled "only after a case-by-case review," Grote said in the release.

In addition, Morehead's budget is being reviewed, and administrators and supervisors have been asked to limit spending.

Officials at Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Louisville reported similar belt-

tightening.

EKU has deferred all equipment purchases and the procedures for filling vacant positions have been tightened, EKV President Hanly Funderburk said in a statement.

Officials at U of L are meeting to study the cutbacks more closely and have asked deans and administrators to limit spending, spokeswoman Denise Fitzpatrick said.

The cuts in state higher education funding come as a result of an estimated \$155 million shortfall in state revenue from previous estimates. In an effort to make up the shortfall, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson announced \$85 million worth of cuts in state government budgets including higher education, con-

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A gift of knowledge

Young's generosity leads the way for UK

It is with books as with men: A very small number play a great part. — Voltaire

It is with books that we find one man who will play a great part in Kentucky. That man is William T. Young, a leading Lexington businessman. With unmatched generosity, Young kicked off the fund-raising campaign last week for a new library for his alma mater, the University of Kentucky.

His gift? A cash donation of \$5 million, the largest cash gift UK has received from an alumnus. Young graduated from UK in 1939 with a degree in mechanical engineering.

His contribution will be a magnet for other contributions, and it makes UK's \$20 million goal for private donations appear within

reach. With a state budget shortfall threatening the state's higher education budgets this year, UK needs more than ever to concentrate on attracting private donations for the library.

Sure, it won't be easy. But the university has a laudable mission and an easy sales pitch. Who can argue that UK should continue to house its collection of 2 million books and thousands of maps and magazines in the Margaret I. King Library, 14 branches and a limestone quarry near Wilmore?

The proposed library would cover more than 300,000 square feet and cost \$58 million.

If such a project sounds impossible in these recessionary times, look to William T. Young for reassurance. He's a believer — and a doer.

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Corrections

Enrollment figures compiled by the College Board Annual Survey of Colleges Data Base and quoted in Dick Burdette's column Sunday were incorrect. The correct preliminary figures were: University of Kentucky, 12,340 women and 11,860 men; University of Louisville, 11,933 and 10,497; Georgetown College, 663 and 531; Centre College, 449 and 431; Berea College, 884 and 666; Morehead State University 5,276 and 3,474; and Transylvania University, 517 and 429. Figures for Eastern Kentucky University were not available.

Lawmakers predict no retribution for KSU

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Throughout the recent dispute at Kentucky State University, supporters and opponents of former President John T. Wolfe Jr. speculated that the controversy might lead to action against the historically black school by Kentucky's General Assembly.

At one point, regent Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt said that if the school could not resolve its problems, it would self-destruct. And Louie B. Nunn, chairman of the board of regents, said over the weekend that when the General Assembly convenes in January, rescue action might be necessary to preserve the school as a university.

Many of KSU's supporters have expressed fears of a conspiracy by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson or Nunn to either close the troubled university or turn it into a two-year community college. But no such fate awaits the 106-year-old Frankfort school, legislative leaders said yesterday.

"I can't think of anything that would be further from the minds of most of the members of the General Assembly," said Sen. David Karem, D-Louisville. "To suggest that there would be any legislative retribution is just really groping."

House Speaker Don Blandford, D-Philpot, and several others said they have heard no legislative rumblings concerning any action against KSU.

"As far as any kind of official kind of action by the General Assembly, I can't think of any," Blandford said.

Sen. Ed Ford, chairman of the Senate's Education Committee, agreed.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's an institution that is functioning as a university, and the internal problems that it might be experiencing, in my opinion, are not a matter for the legislature to deal with at this time," said Ford, D-Cynthiana.

Sen. Michael R. Moloney, D-Lexington, said he had heard no discussion among legislators about changing the status of KSU.

"I don't believe there is any support for it, and I don't think it will happen," Moloney said. "It's regrettable that we're seeing this occur and creating an issue that doesn't exist."

Senate President Pro Tem John "Eck" Rose, D-Winchester, acknowledged that some lawmakers might occasionally "half-heartedly joke" about changing KSU's status. "But there's been no serious consideration to doing that. I certainly would oppose that," Rose said.

During an appearance on a Lexington TV interview program Sunday, Nunn said he believed KSU's future as a four-year university "hangs in the balance over the next six months," or until the end of the 1992 legislative session.

"What we do in the next three months to prepare for that will very well determine the success or failure of that university as a four-year viable institution of higher learning with a mission and a purpose and a historic past that I think needs to be preserved," he said.

He later said he would spend three months assembling information for lawmakers to show that corrective action was taken on management and personnel problems.

Rep. Joe Clarke, D-Danville, acknowledged skepticism at Nunn's remarks concerning KSU's potential peril.

"I don't know where Louie's coming from with that. And he sure doesn't have any historical basis for it over the last 20 years," Clarke said.

Rep. Jody Richards of Bowling Green, chairman of the House's Democratic caucus, noted KSU isn't the first state university to become embroiled in problems between a

president and its regents or trustees.

"I never remember the legislature getting into (such a controversy), and I don't think we are going to get into this one," Richards said.

While lawmakers scoff at fears of punitive action against KSU, school supporters have some foundation for their apprehension.

Since the 1960s, KSU's future has periodically provoked public and private talk in the Capitol.

After a flurry of campus unrest in the early 1960s, a special group of consultants hired by the state Council on Higher Education reviewed KSU's future. Two years later, the panel recommended that the university continue as a separate school.

More than a decade later, some council members again raised questions about the school's future, but then-Gov. Julian Carroll let it be known he would not support any change in its status. There have been other perceived threats over the years, but they have all subsided.

Ford noted he is a member of the Southern Regional Education Board, a consortium of Southern states that monitors and studies education in the South. His membership, he said, has made him aware of the trouble legislatures can create when they meddle in internal campus problems.

"Several states in our region just wear the legislature out," he said. "I can't recall in my 14 years (in the legislature) of when we specifically went in and tried to punish, or to govern, a university legislatively."

He also said he didn't see that pattern changing with KSU.

The KSU controversy stemmed from the regents' concerns with Wolfe's management of the school and his spending nearly \$100,000 for renovation and equipment at the president's home.

Nunn finally lodged administrative charges against Wolfe, who averted a hearing on them last Friday by resigning. The charges were withdrawn as part of a settlement between Wolfe and the regents.

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Done deal

Paying off Wolfe: regrettable, maybe unavoidable

It's easy to see why Kentucky State University's board of regents cut a deal with John Wolfe Jr.

The university certainly has had its share of turmoil during the past couple of months. Students are upset. Faculty and administrators are, too, as are alumni around the country. The last thing the institution needed was a lengthy court fight over Wolfe's tenure as president.

And the deal probably made sense financially. The university will pay about \$100,000 to keep Wolfe on the payroll as a consultant. That's probably less than it would spend in legal fees if Wolfe were resisting efforts to fire him.

So, it's hard to conclude that the board was wrong to make a deal with Wolfe. And yet, the arrangement leaves a bad taste.

In making the deal, the regents seem to have rewarded Wolfe, the man whom the university's regents had charged with improprieties in operating the institution. By paying him to go away and keep quiet, the board has given ammunition to those who think the regents were engaged in a vendetta against Wolfe. The board would have strengthened its position by forcing Wolfe out without a golden parachute.

Having said all that, it's still hard to be too critical of the regents' decision. Wolfe's skillful manipulation of the politics of race has left the university divided and in danger of unraveling. As desirable as it might have been to cut the ties more cleanly, in the end, the regents had more pressing business — and no more time to waste on John Wolfe Jr.

COMMENTARY

Wolfe's legacy to KSU students: politics of cynicism

Kids go to college to take classes in literature and quantum physics, but often the best education at a university comes outside the classroom. So it was during the fall semester at Kentucky State University, where students received a degree in the science of political manipulation.

Class in this particular course was out last Friday. That's when KSU President John Wolfe Jr. decided he'd rather take nine months' full pay, moving expenses and health insurance (including the all-important dental coverage) than fight.

Wolfe left minutes before the KSU board of regents was to begin a hearing on a long list of charges against him — a hearing that



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most certainly would have made public more embarrassing details of Wolfe's 15-month tenure as KSU president. It was also a hearing that would have ended in his firing.

Wolfe did what was best for him. He cut a good deal — not for the school or for the kids who risked jail to support him, but for John Wolfe. And then he bailed out.

It was a cynical display. Wolfe used the enthusiasm of youth and the long unresolved issues of race in this state first for his own protection and then for his own gain. It was a remarkable performance of politics at its worst. It was exactly what one would expect of a man who read, quoted and admired Machiavelli, the master of manipulation and intrigue.

Recall the sequence of events. The board of regents sours on Wolfe because the president spends too much money on his house, raises his pay without permis-

sion and refuses to fire administrators who are clearly bad for the school. The regents' complaints are all about the person, about Wolfe's abilities as president.

So what does Wolfe do? He creates a crisis over the future of the school, and he says the crisis is founded on race. The problem, Wolfe says, isn't that too much money was spent on shower curtains and cellular phones. It's that a predominantly white board wants to crush one of the state's most important black institutions by crushing the institution's black president.

Wolfe managed to turn a personnel issue into a debate on civil rights.

Wolfe got some help along the way. He was blessed with a good enemy. Louie Nunn is board chairman, and Louie Nunn, black Kentuckians believe, is no friend of theirs. And Wolfe played into an issue of national concern. Traditionally black uni-

versities are under assault throughout the South.

It was quite a performance. Wolfe convinced the Rev. Jesse Jackson to come one Sunday morning to rally supporters of KSU (and, of course, of Wolfe). Alumni marched to support the school (and Wolfe). Civil rights leaders in Louisville and Frankfort, so angry at Nunn for past sins they would align with the devil to kill their nemesis, gladly signed up with Wolfe's campaign.

And then there were the students. Wolfe whipped these kids into a frenzy. They marched on the Capitol. (Wolfe spoke to their rallies.) They occupied the administration building. (Wolfe shook their hands through the building's windows.) They demanded that the regents apologize to Wolfe.

Wolfe used those kids like a rented car.

While students built up pressure on the regents, Wolfe turned that pressure to his advantage. And when he got all he could, he resigned.

The kids I saw interviewed over the weekend were a sullen lot. Some spoke hollowly about the future of the KSU. Others, reflecting the stunted political expectations of our times, said they understood why Wolfe left. He was going to lose anyway so he might as well have quit, said one student, too young by decades to harbor such a large quantity of resignation.

But that was what she learned this past semester at KSU from the good Professor Wolfe. Politics is played for personal gain, not for the public good. Images, history and a people's most basic beliefs are there to be manipulated. It was a thorough class, one taught by an expert in the field.

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\$155 million shortfall forcing agencies to look for cuts

'Nothing is sacred' as universities get ready to weather reductions

Herald-Leader staff report

The Council on Higher Education will meet Nov. 4 to decide how the state's colleges and universities will deal with an expected \$31.5 million in cuts.

"The presidents asked me if we reduced their budgets the same way we built their budgets what would the numbers be," Gary Cox, council executive director, said yesterday, referring to tentative figures being released by several schools.

Cox emphasized that the council has not yet chosen a formula for the budget cuts. "This is just one approach."

Here is a look at how much and what the state's colleges and universities expect to trim from their budgets.

- **University of Kentucky** — Cuts of \$11.8 million for UK and \$3.2 million for the community colleges are expected.

A hiring freeze for non-faculty positions is in effect.

In addition, President Charles Wethington has asked chancellors and vice presidents to recommend possible areas for cuts.

"Nothing is sacred," Wethington said. "Everything will be reviewed."

- **University of Louisville** — Budget officials were unavailable for comment yesterday, but Cox said the proposed budget cut is \$6.8 million.

Earlier this week, a U of L spokeswoman said deans and administrators had been asked to limit spending.

- **Eastern Kentucky University** — Officials expect to cut \$2.6 million from the budget.

"We haven't frozen a position but we are asking for a thorough review, analysis and justification

for the proposed filling of any vacancy," said Jim Clark, director of planning and budget. "We are looking at each vacancy one at a time."

A similar analysis is being made of operating expenses. "We want all our expenditures — salaries or operating expenses — to be thoroughly thought through and justified for the rest of the fiscal year."

In addition, equipment purchases for administrative and academic departments are being postponed.

- **Western Kentucky University** — Officials expect to cut \$2.4 million from the budget.

WKU has a temporary freeze on hiring and capital expenditures of more than \$300, said Tom Harmon, accounts and budgetary control director.

"These are temporary until our budget committee meets to find out what options are available to us," Harmon said. "We wanted to begin some action now."

- **Morehead State University** — Officials expect to cut \$1.4 million. Morehead has announced a hiring freeze, saying that vacant positions will be filled only after a case-by-case review.

In addition, administrators and supervisors have been asked to limit spending.

- **Murray State University** — Budget officials were unavailable for comment yesterday, but Cox said the proposed cut is \$1.4 million.

- **Northern Kentucky University** — Budget officials were unavailable for comment yesterday, but Cox said the proposed cut is \$1.1 million.

- **Kentucky State University** — Officials expect to cut \$750,000 from the budget, said Paul Glaser, vice president for business affairs and treasurer. School officials have not begun studying areas where cuts could be made, Glaser said.

State's strategies include hiring freezes, reduced travel

By Thomas Tolliver and Connie Holman

Herald-Leader staff writers

The business of deciding exactly where to cover Kentucky's \$155 million revenue shortfall has begun.

Administrators and budget analysts in state agencies and universities are searching for places to trim their 1991-92 budgets.

Agencies already are announcing hiring freezes and reducing travel expenses and equipment purchases, among other strategies.

Most state agencies have until Nov. 1 to come up with cuts averaging 3.4 percent.

The Cabinet for Human Resources, for example, must cut \$17 million from its budget, said Brad Hughes, cabinet spokesman.

Meanwhile, legislators have raised questions about the cuts.

Senate budget chief Sen. Michael R. Moloney said there was some question about whether the administration followed proper procedures in making the budget cuts.

Moloney, D-Lexington, said that a legislative committee will discuss that issue Thursday. Any decision could affect the impact of the cuts on various cabinets.

Herald-Leader staff writer Eric Gregory contributed to this story.

Budget shortfalls force MSU to freeze hirings

Administrators requested to limit spending to essential needs only

By **JIM ROBINSON**
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

MOREHEAD — Faced with budget shortfalls at home and in Frankfort, Morehead State University on Monday announced a hiring freeze.

New hires will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

In addition, MSU President C. Nelson Grote has asked administrators and supervisors to limit spending to essential goods and services.

MSU is the second state university to announce a hiring freeze. The University of Kentucky took the same action Friday.

The freeze comes in the wake of an \$820,000 budget shortfall at MSU and a \$155 million shortfall in the state budget.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson announced last week that \$85 million will be cut from state programs, including higher education.

"While we do not know the specifics at the moment, we do know that the governor's announcement is not good news for Morehead State University," Grote said in a statement. "We anticipate that a meeting with the Council on Higher Education staff will occur within the next few days to address what we believe is a significant budget reduction for higher education."

The school has 16 staff and faculty positions open at the moment, said Porter Dailey, vice president for administration and fiscal services.

The hiring freeze and spending cautions, however, are the first of what will probably be more budget cutting at MSU.

Already, the university has decided to halt some minor capital projects to deal with its

own shortfall, caused by lower-than-expected fall enrollment.

Grote said that MSU "will begin taking the appropriate steps to reduce (its) budget" once the impact of the reduction in the state's higher education budget is known.

Dailey said indications are that MSU will have to cut \$1.4 million from its budget because of the state shortfall.

The two cuts together would total 3.6 percent of the school's 1991-92 budget of \$62.68 million.

Faculty regent Alban Wheeler said he anticipated that at least some vacancies in the process of being filled will be filled.

With MSU enrollment at a record 8,750, Grote said the timing of the anticipated cuts was "unfortunate" in light of the role the college, which trains many area teachers, expects to play in education reform.

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Schools prepare for funding cuts

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Several Kentucky universities have made plans to cope with expected cuts in state funding announced by Gov. Wallace Wilkinson.

Earlier this month, Wilkinson's administration projected a \$155 million revenue shortfall for the current fiscal year. Wilkinson said that about \$30 million of that shortfall probably would be compensated for through trimming university appropriations.

Morehead State University has clamped a freeze on hiring. The University of Kentucky announced similar plans Friday.

UK President Charles Wethington told UK's trustees yesterday that he will present a budget-reduction plan at the board's December meeting. He said he expected that UK would have to trim its current budget by about \$15 million.

The state Council on Higher Education will meet Nov. 4 to decide how much each public university's funding will have to be slashed to absorb the cuts.

The universities can expect to have their state funding reduced by about 5 percent from the previous budget, according to Norman Snider, the council's director of communications services.

Eastern Kentucky University has deferred all equipment purchases, and the procedures for filling vacant positions have been tightened, ECU President Hanly Funderburk said in a statement.

Officials at the University of Louisville are meeting to study the cutbacks more closely and have asked deans and administrators to limit spending, spokeswoman Denise Fitzpatrick said.

In addition, Fayette County schools will partially freeze hiring even though Wilkinson says public schools will be excluded from the funding cuts.

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No conspiracy

Clearly, there's no move to harm Kentucky State

Some rumors just refuse to die, but maybe the one about closing Kentucky State University is on its last legs.

The rumor came up most recently during the turmoil surrounding the ouster of John Wolfe Jr. as president of Kentucky State. Wolfe and his supporters charged that the university's regents were part of a conspiracy to close the school or make it a community college.

Board members, including Chairman Louie Nunn, denied any such intention. Now, legislative leaders say they aren't interested in closing the institution. On Monday

night, both candidates for governor said they want to keep Kentucky State open as a four-year institution. And now, the Bush administration has changed its position in a key court case on financing historically black public schools such as Kentucky State.

Put these developments together, and you can only come to one conclusion. There's no apparent support anywhere for closing or downgrading Kentucky State. Now, the university's regents, administrators and supporters can move on to the problem of finding a new president without that question clouding their efforts.

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NKU plans hiring freeze to trim budget

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS — Northern Kentucky University will put a freeze on hiring to help cover cuts in state funding, following the same course being taken by several other colleges across the state.

NKU expects its budget to be reduced by as much as \$1.3 million, said Dennis Taulbee, vice president for administration and acting budget director.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson is trying to cover a \$155 million shortage in the fiscal year that ends June 30. The governor said \$85 million of the gap would be made up through cuts in agencies' budgets. Of that amount, higher education will be asked to give up \$31.6 million.

The Council on Higher Education has informed colleges to expect a 5 percent cut in their budgets, spokesman Norm Snider said. The council will not set each university's budget cuts until Nov. 4.

Northern should know soon the effect that the reduction will have on programs, said David Jorns, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The hiring freeze is one of several short-term steps the university is taking. Other steps include freezing all equipment purchases and having all out-of-state travel reviewed.

The Daily Independent, Ashland, Kentucky Wednesday, October 23, 1991

Letter urges support for WKU president

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — A group of community leaders wants Western Kentucky University President Thomas Meredith to withdraw his name from consideration for a Florida post in exchange for a public endorsement from the school's regents.

In a letter that was to be mailed Tuesday night, the group asks the regents to meet Saturday and declare their firm support for Meredith.

The group says it wants the regents to then ask Meredith to withdraw his name from consideration as president "of any other academic institution."

Meredith is one of 13 finalists for the presidency at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He is scheduled to travel to Florida on Friday for an interview.

Meredith could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

Referring to controversies that have surrounded some other university presidents in Kentucky, letter co-author John David Cole said: "We

want very, very much for Western to avoid becoming embroiled in the controversies that have occurred at Murray, Morehead and just recently, Kentucky State University.

"If Western loses a president in three years, it has a negative influence on Western's ability to attract a person of caliber. (And) if it hurts Western, it hurts the entire system of public higher education in Kentucky."

The letter reminds the regents that "it is not the role of a Board member to become involved in the day to day operation of the University or individual personnel matters."

The group said if Western's regents decline to meet and publicly endorse Meredith, it wants the regents to elect a new chairman and vice chairman.

Current regents chairman, Joe Iracane of Owensboro, and vice chairman, Patsy Judd of Burkesville, could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

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'Cutting is not over,' state budget leader says

By John Winn Miller
Herald-Leader Frankfort bureau

FRANKFORT — The legislature's budget leaders warned yesterday that more cuts might be necessary, despite Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's efforts to cover this year's \$155 million revenue shortfall.

"The cutting is not over," said Rep. Joe Clarke, the House budget chief.

Clarke and his counterpart in the Senate, Sen. Michael R. Moloney, made their remarks after a meeting of the Joint Interim Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Earlier this month, Wilkinson announced that the state would take in \$155 million less than expected this year. Because of that and unexpected expenses, Wilkinson ordered budget cuts, construction delays and transfers from reserve accounts that would total \$197 million.

Ron Carson, of the governor's budget office, told the committee that even after the cuts are made, there will still be less than \$50 million in new money available for the next year.

This would be about 1 percent of the state budget, less new money than usual. Normal increases for state agencies' spending without any new programs run between 3 and 5 percent.

"It's going to be very, very tight," Moloney said about the state budget.

Clarke and Moloney said it was too early to tell how large the cuts would have to be or where they would be made.

Clarke, D-Danville, said the state probably needs to reduce its payroll. He said the cuts were inevitable — possibly for this year and the next — unless the economy improved, which he did not expect.

But the recession isn't the only reason money will be tight.

Legislators used \$200 million in one-time windfalls to pay for the current budget. That money will not be available next year.

Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones and U.S. Rep. Larry Hopkins, the two gubernatorial candidates, have said they might consider cutting the state inheritance tax and removing the income tax on private pensions.

Moloney, D-Lexington, said such proposals were "dead on arrival."

Clarke added, "They can forget that."

They said the budget would have to be balanced by making cuts, since there was no way to raise taxes after the 1990 legislature passed a \$1.3 billion, two-year tax increase. Most of that money went to pay for education reform and higher education.

Moloney also questioned the method Wilkinson used to balance the budget. He said it was possible the administration failed to make cuts according to the budget reduction plan set up in the budget.

However, Carson said the law was not that clear.

Moloney said legislative leaders should seriously consider filing suit to get a ruling on whether Wilkinson's actions were legal.

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Union College to dedicate complex

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. — Union College is dedicating a \$400,000 sports complex today in honor of Union College President Jack Phillips and his wife, Juanita.

The Phillips Athletic Fields and Sports Complex includes a varsity football field, soccer field, varsity baseball field, women's softball field and practice football field, as well as a \$150,000 weight room and the John M. Robison Jr. Arena.

Phillips has been president of Union College for eight years.

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Berea College joins Lilly network

Berea College is among the 26 American colleges and universities that have joined in a new effort to be known as the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts.

The program will provide fellowships for students who seek to enrich their spiritual lives while preparing for teaching or leadership roles. The program is funded by the Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis and is based at Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Texas A&M presses inquiry into harassment allegations

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1991

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas —

Investigations into alleged sexual harassment will continue at Texas A&M University, even though a female cadet has recanted claims that she was attacked by male cadets, school officials said yesterday.

The female cadet who claimed she was assaulted by several male cadets on two occasions admitted to campus investigators earlier this week that the attacks never happened, the school said.

The corps' elite Parsons' Mounted Cavalry was disbanded last month pending an investigation into her allegations. The woman was a member of the unit and said some of the men who attacked her were in the group.

The woman's claims also prompted other women to complain they had been harassed by male cadets. A&M President William Mobley established a panel to in-

vestigate alleged harassment or discrimination.

The woman recanted her claims Monday, however, telling campus police the alleged Sept. 17 and Oct. 13 attacks never occurred. Three cadets have been dismissed from the corps and three others have been suspended for verbally harassing the woman, the school said Tuesday.

Campus Police Chief Bob Wyatt said the woman had given no reason for her actions, and other A&M officials have declined to speculate why she made the claims. So far, no action has been taken against her.

The university has refused to release the names of the woman or the cadets who were disciplined. Maj. Gen. Tom Darling, the corps' commandant, also has declined to say how the woman was verbally harassed.

Darling said he expected the Parsons' Mounted Cavalry unit to

resume activities.

Despite the woman's recantations, school officials said the special panel would continue its efforts.

"Our primary task was not to investigate that particular situation anyway," said Dr. Kenneth R. Dirks, the panel's co-chairman and director of the student health center. "Our primary charge is to look at all of the allegations that anyone wishes to bring forth to us regarding problems of alleged sexual discrimination within the corps."

At least four former cadets have come forward, and Dirks said female cadets also had complained to the panel. He refused, however, to discuss the specifics of their claims or identify any of the women.

Texas A&M, founded in 1871, was an all-male, all-military institution until 1963. The cadet corps was opened to women in 1974. The university provides the greatest number of commissioned officers outside the military academies.

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Kentucky colors Ecuadorean artist's work

By Ann Gibson
Associated Press

A South American artist and Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence at Morehead State University is weaving strands of Eastern Kentucky's colors and culture into her folk art.

"I take many things from Kentucky, the colors, the hills," said Victoria Carrasco, a professor of design and color theory at Central University of Ecuador. "There are many interesting lines in the hills. Also, the shapes of the trees and the colors."

Carrasco, a resident of Quito, the capital of Ecuador, is spending the academic year at Morehead as a visiting professor. She will teach classes next semester, but for now she is taking in the Appalachian landscape and local craft traditions.

"I have seen a lot of Eastern Kentucky," said Carrasco, who arrived in Morehead in August. "It is very important to have the opportunity to talk with the people and know their home and their studio and their work, not only in the galleries but in their environment."

She said she had seen local examples of wood carving, wood painting and ceramics. Carrasco has also given demonstrations of her work — woven tapestries and copper enameling.

"The culture, the crafts, are very interesting for me," she said. "Kentucky and Ecuador weavers have many things in common." Both areas "have many crafts and many traditions."

Artists in both places use materials at hand, said Carrasco, who is descended from the Incas. But while Eastern Kentucky craftsmen carve wood, many Ecuadorean folk artists employ ceramics and metal, she said.

"She has a show in Ecuador right now at a major hotel in Quito," said Roger Jones, international studies program director at Morehead. "Right now, she's working in our weaving room preparing for a show here in the spring."

Carrasco said the show should reflect the influence of her Kentucky surroundings, particularly the changing color of the leaves. That's something she wouldn't see in Ecuador, where she said there is no real change of seasons. Ecuador, which is on the western coast of South America, lies on the Equator.

"I just started a new tapestry and I'm taking the colors from the leaves," Carrasco said. "Different areas of Ecuador use different colors and themes, so often you can tell in an instant where people are from."

Jones said the Fulbright grant pays half the cost of having Carrasco as a visiting professor. The school pays the other half.

He said bringing Carrasco to the campus was part of an effort to expand the international presence at Morehead, where most of the students are from rural Eastern Kentucky.

"There's nothing wrong with that, but we're trying to cure it," Jones said. "We're trying to introduce more internationals to our campus so our students will know the rest of the world."

Carrasco's visit also gives local artisans a glimpse of another culture.

Junior Lewis, an Elliott County woodcarver, said he had seen some of Carrasco's work.

"I liked it. It looked really good to me," Lewis said. "It doesn't matter where it's from. I like to see all artists' work."

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Gallery to show professor's work

By BRENDA KEATHLEY

Robert Franzini is a familiar name in the region's art community. Although he's best known in his daily role as a professor of art at Morehead State University, he also excels in the art of printmaking. An exhibition of his work, simply titled "Compositions," goes on display Nov. 3 and will continue through Nov. 30.

During the last 11 years, Franzini, who originally hails from Palo Alto, California, has taken part in the amazing growth of MSU's art department. He has worked with different print mediums since his undergraduate years at Stanford University, when he studied under the prominent painter Nathan Oliveira.

A variety of styles are featured in this show, including intaglio, lithography, monotype and drawing. Franzini's work shows his deep and abiding interest in the process of

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printmaking, which has played a major and very functional role in the world of art for centuries.

Intaglio, a method near to the heart of Franzini, is as old as oil painting itself. It is accomplished through the use of copper or other metal plates, fashioned in detail with a tool called a burin. The lines which are made later become impressions on paper.

The process allows for multiplicity, so more people have the opportunity to appreciate the beauty and design created. Masters like the German engraver Albrecht Durer made steady use of intaglio, allowing the world greater access to such often-used print studies as "The Praying Hands."

Franzini says he likes the graphic quality of the printed image, because the impact is strong. Some of his work to be displayed has vivid contrasts,

and include figures and figure compositions.

The not-so-traditional monotype method makes use of a plate of copper or even acrylic plastic sheets. An image is manipulated or formed in ink and printed.

Such masterful technique leads one to doubt the validity of an age-old stereotypical view of the disorganized artist. According to Franzini, one must work hard and be extremely organized to complete such work.

Besides the Franzini exhibit, Tri-State art enthusiasts have the added treat of other gallery exhibits in November.

An exclusive show titled "Fool the Eye" by Albert Y. Wong of Texas is coming to the gallery through the Heike Picket Gallery in Lexington. Featured in the Artist's Market will be paintings by Janice Lebrun.

The opening reception for the exhibits will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the gallery. For more information

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BRENDA KEATHLEY is coordinator of the Ashland Area Art Gallery.

Kentucky's finances bad and getting worse

State budget-cutting just starting, legislators say; will not agree to tax cuts

By MARK R. CHELLGREN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — The state is in bad financial condition right now. It's going to get worse.

That was the conclusion drawn Thursday by the General Assembly's two leading budget-makers after hearing about revenue forecasts and spending trends. A quick calculation reveals the lurking problems for next year.

After the recent revision, the estimated tax revenue for next fiscal year is \$4.638 billion. Even if the \$85 million is cut from recurring expenditures, state General Fund spending this year will amount to \$4.591 billion.

That would leave an estimate \$47 million more to spend on state government programs next year than this year. By comparison, the state expected to spend \$388 million more this year than last year.

The reason for the slim margin is twofold. One is that the revenues have not met predictions this year. But the biggest reason is the state planned all along to spend some \$147 million more this year than it took in from taxes. That additional money was saved from previous years.

"We were, in effect, spending more than we were taking in, which is not the way to do it," said Rep. Joe Clarke, D-

Danville, the longtime chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson announced two weeks ago that tax receipts would be \$155 million less than expected this year. He also unveiled a plan to cut spending by a like amount to keep the budget balanced this year.

But about half the savings will come from one-time moneys, like delaying the sale of bonds until later and spending money saved in earlier years. Only an estimated \$85 million is to be cut from recurring expenditures.

Clarke and Moloney raised the specter of deep cuts in spending, possibly including laying off public employees.

"It's going to mean some effort to reduce our overall payroll," Clarke said.

What it will not mean, the lawmakers agreed, is any money for new programs.

"There won't be any more money left over for anything else out there unless we make cuts," Clarke said.

And talk of tax cuts, as raised by gubernatorial nominees Brereton Jones and Larry Hopkins, is out of the question, the lawmakers said.

"They can forget it," Clarke said.

"Dead on arrival," said Sen. Mike Moloney, D-Lexington, Clarke's Senate counterpart. "I don't care who proposes them."

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Hiring freeze begins at ACC

By ROGER ALFORD
OF THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

ASHLAND — Ashland Community College has implemented a hiring freeze on non-teaching positions to deal with its share of a projected \$155 million shortfall in the state budget.

President Anthony Newberry said the two-year college also will not buy any new equipment until the budget problems are resolved. He briefed the school's advisory board on the situation during a meeting Thursday.

Gov. Wallace Wilkinson announced last week that \$85 million will have to be cut from state programs, including higher education, because revenues are running behind projections.

Newberry said the hiring and purchasing freeze should be sufficient to deal with the 5 percent cut that ACC expects to have to make from its \$5.4 million budget.

"It's a tough picture, but if there's not another budget cut, we can handle it, we can absorb," Newberry said.

Gary Cox, executive director of the Council for Higher Education, has said community colleges and universities will make the same percentage

cuts from their budgets to deal with the shortfall.

Newberry said this morning it was unclear what affect the shortfall will have on ACC's hopes to get funding from the 1992 General Assembly for a new \$4.1 million classroom building. That project was ranked second recently on a priority list of capital construction needs by the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees.

"It's a reasonable supposition that this is going to be a very tight biennium for funding in general," he said. "Building projects will come in for closer scrutiny than ever."

Newberry said the freeze at ACC will remain in effect at least until Nov. 4, when the Council for Higher Education will give institutions information on the specific cuts they will be expected to make.

The shortfall could have a particularly troublesome impact on ACC in two areas — new equipment purchases and part-time faculty hiring for the spring semester, Newberry said.

"From what we know now, we're confident that none of our full-time positions will be cut," Newberry said. "Our big worry is the availability of funds for part-time faculty in the spring."

If there is no money for additional part-time teachers, the school might have to turn some students away in January, Newberry said.

That would "be the antithesis of our mission as an open-door institution," he said. "That can cause a cyclical thing where people who were turned away might not come back later."

The school has 85 full-time and about 50 part-time faculty members this semester.

The cuts will not affect the renovation of ACC's former library, Newberry said. A new library was included in the new learning resource center that opened this summer and the old library space is being made into classrooms.

That project is important because of the space shortage at ACC, said Newberry, who is leaving Nov. 1 to become vice chancellor for academics in the University of Kentucky's community college system.

The cuts may force the college to have to wait for some equipment for the learning resource center, Newberry said, including a satellite downlink for its teleconference center and special shelving for an archive room in the new library.

Wolfe says regents' acts led to ouster

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Former Kentucky State University President John T. Wolfe Jr. said yesterday that efforts by the school's board of regents and others to undermine the school and him ultimately led to his ouster.

In his first public comment since his resignation a week ago, Wolfe said that KSU has "an intricate old-boy network" that fueled dissension already stirred up by some board members. He also suggested that part of his problem stemmed from his refusal to consider the appointment of two white vice presidents suggested for employment by some regents.

Wolfe would not name the regents who suggested that he hire as executive vice president James O. King, a veteran state and university official who is now chief staff person to the U.S. Senate's Rules Committee, and, as university relations vice president, Doug Alexander, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's press secretary.

He said he was also undermined by the regents' desire to have a president "who would bow and scrape and bend to their will, their whims. That is my categoric conclusion about the relationship I had with this board."

Wolfe's remarks came during and after the taping of an interview at Hillcrest, the KSU president's home, which he and his wife will soon vacate. The interview will be aired at 11:30 a.m. tomorrow on WLEX-TV's "Your Government" program.

The former president reiterated earlier charges that the board interfered with presidential prerogatives in personnel and other management activities and sanctioned the manipulation of some university contracts.

He targeted board Chairman Louie B. Nunn as the source of much of his difficulty by saying Nunn "was one person exercising control and keeping confusion and chaos going" on the campus. Nunn could not be reached for comment.

Wolfe's resignation came as part of a settlement package he reached with the regents after Nunn preferred nine administrative charges against him for neglect of duty, incompetence and immoral conduct. The charges centered on costs of renovating the president's home, a pay raise Wolfe gave himself without board approval and various other alleged management shortcomings.

The settlement package included continuation of Wolfe's salary until July 31 in return for consulting services.

The surprising resignation averted a hearing on the charges that would have undoubtedly led to his ouster by the regents. He said the major reason he voluntarily stepped down was that he couldn't afford the staggering legal fees it would have cost to fight his ouster in court.

During his remarks on "Your Government," Wolfe, who is black, would not say that racism caused part of his problems. But he noted

that the regents have recently terminated six African-American administrators he recommended for appointment or reappointment and promoted two whites, including one that he proposed firing. "The public can draw their own conclusions from that," Wolfe said.

One of the whites who was promoted was Paul Glaser, the school's controller, whom the board named vice president for business affairs last week. Wolfe, who had recommended that Glaser be fired, noted yesterday that Glaser did not meet university requirements for his new post because he does not have a master's degree.

Wolfe also said he believes the regents are deliberately attempting to lead KSU away from its black heritage and that the regents will soon target several black tenured professors for termination.

He said the regents are interested in cutting the school's out-of-state enrollment by increasing admission standards for applicants who don't live in Kentucky — most of whom are black.

"The record will clearly show they come better-prepared than a majority of Kentucky residents," Wolfe said. "Yet, they are being targeted now for elimination, (and) when you eliminate African-American students you in effect change the racial composition of this campus. That is part of the plan."

Wolfe also said that many faculty members were upset with a part of the school's desegregation plan that calls for more black professors.

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Wolfe discusses resignation, wants KSU investigation

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — John T. Wolfe Jr. had not spoken publicly since resigning last week as president of Kentucky State University.

Until yesterday. And he got a lot off his chest.

Saying that KSU needs to be investigated "from top to bottom," Wolfe charged that conspiracy, contract steering and racism undermined his administration and created problems that ultimately led to his ouster.

"This issue is a long ways from being resolved," Wolfe said during taping of the WLEX-TV (Channel 18) "Your Government" program. The program airs at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. "There are a whole lot of issues beyond John Wolfe that have to be addressed. And I don't think that people are paying attention to that."

"Kentucky State University is on the line here. Not John T. Wolfe Jr."

Wolfe abruptly resigned October 18, the day he was supposed to answer nine charges of misconduct, neglect of duty and immorality brought against him by former Gov. Louie B. Nunn, chairman of the school's board of regents.

In return for his resignation, the board dropped all charges and agreed to keep Wolfe on the payroll until July 31 as a consultant.

Wolfe, president for 15 months, had been openly battling with the board since late July, mainly over approval of his slate of top aides.

Nunn, who appeared on "Your Government" last Sunday, suggested that some "agitators" at KSU needed to be terminated. But Wolfe said he doubted that any of those to whom Nunn was referring were black.

Wolfe said that he believes the school has a distinctive place in Kentucky higher education because it is the only university adequately educating many disenfranchised students. He also suggested that its role as the state's only small, publicly operated liberal arts school may be unrealistic.

"There's an attempt to make it something that it can never be. It needs to continue the mission that it started 105 years ago and expand what it's doing. It's doing that, and it's doing that very well," he added.

Wolfe acknowledged missing some signals from the regents that he was headed for problems. Wolfe said that Nunn frequently gave him mixed signals on how the board thought he should spend his time. "He told me to visit faculty, visit classrooms, meet the staff, talk to people. I did all of that. Then I'm doing too much of that, or I didn't associate with board members," Wolfe said.

"I came in (in mid-1990) and focused on an educational mission. I never once got direction as to what they wanted me to do, not one time, except to do as I'm told," he added.

Wolfe, who said he expects to remain in Frankfort for a while, called his 15 months as KSU's president a "learning experience." Asked what he had learned, he said:

"To go back to a cardinal rule that I violated in coming here, and that is that every person is my enemy until proven otherwise."

In September, regents asked him to resign and canceled his inauguration after he gave himself a raise in apparent violation of his contract and spent nearly \$100,000 improving his official residence.

During the 30-minute program, Wolfe responded to several questions that had gone unanswered the last several months:

• **On his future:** Wolfe said he is going to live in Frankfort while considering other jobs. "I'm also looking at the lecture circuit, and I intend to do some writing," he said.

"I'm going to get on with my life. This has been a truly interesting learning experience."

When asked what he has learned, Wolfe said, "To go back to a cardinal rule that I violated in coming here. And that is that every person is my enemy until proven otherwise."

After the show, Wolfe said he was planning a book on his KSU experience. "I think there's enough here for a book and two or three movies."

• **On his resignation:** "It came down to money," said Wolfe, who had vowed to fight to the end. "It wasn't so much a change of mind. It's a question of resources."

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"The board has as its resource the treasury of Kentucky State University. I do not have those kinds of resources. Had I had those resources, we'd be in court right now."

• **KSU's problems:** Wolfe said he was often given names of people to put in top-level positions without going through a selection process. He would not say who recommended those candidates.

But the board was his biggest problem. Regents twice refused to approve his list of top administrators. Five were dismissed during the last two board meetings.

"They have made the decision to fire people, to reappoint people who are not qualified for the positions," he said.

Wolfe also said he was told which businesses to give contracts, especially the Rankin, Rankin & Co. audit contract for fiscal years 1989 and 1990. Wolfe said Nunn told him not to seek bids for that contract, but Wolfe initiated a bidding process, which is required by law.

"I am not about to go to jail for anyone," Wolfe said, "under any circumstances."

Nunn has said that any charges of contract steering were absurd.

Other "unethical" issues involve income from separate accounts that are mixed, Wolfe said. Interest on those accounts is put back into the general fund, he said.

Housing receipts, used to support the housing department, instead are being put into the general fund, he said. And the school often does business with only one vendor for major supplies.

"If people would bother to do the kind of investigation that I've been calling for, they would see categorically that these are issues not about John T. Wolfe Jr."

• **On alleged death threats:** Earlier this month, a Louisville television station, quoting anonymous sources, reported that Wolfe had received death threats. Soon after the report, Wolfe posted guards in the KSU administration building. They searched each visitor with a hand-held metal detector.

Wolfe would not confirm or deny the reported threats. "I've never said to anyone that there were death threats on my life," he said yesterday.

• **On his presidency:** After the program, Wolfe said his tenure was jeopardized because of the high praise he received early from Nunn. "I was the greatest thing since sliced bread, right?" he said.

"Then he (Nunn) realized that he was getting flak from other presidents in the system for saying that I was the best qualified of all the presidents. And I always thought that was kind of absurd."

Wolfe said he thinks the board wanted a "puppet."

"I believe that categorically they did want someone who would bow and scrape and bend to their whims."

UK student senate backs day for Vietnam veterans

By Kyle Foster

Herald-Leader staff writer

A resolution to establish a "Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Day: A Day of Peace," was passed by the University of Kentucky's Student Government Association Senate Wednesday night.

The resolution, sponsored by Vish Bhatt, chairman of the UK's Prejudice Reduction Task Force, was created after Vietnam veteran Charles T. Tackett from Virgie visited UK recently and spoke to Bhatt.

Charles D. Tackett was a member of the 82nd airborne 525th intelligence and fought in Vietnam for two years.

He has been traveling around the country trying to gain support for the proposed holiday.

"I want this day as a reminder to people to think and reflect on their political decisions."

Tackett said he did not want the holiday to be under federal jurisdiction and therefore a mandated day off.

He said the holiday should be voluntary, but he wants a procla-

mation on the calendar.

Bhatt said he sponsored the bill because he believes in it.

"I think it's right. I think there should be a Vietnam Veteran's Day to learn and remember and not make mistakes again," he said.

Tackett said the proposed day, May 7, would be an honorarium in remembrance of political decisions and their effect on the nation.

May 7, 1954, is often considered the day the Vietnam conflict began. On that day, Dien Bien Phu fell to the Communists.

"America itself has a short memory on the political decisions they make and maybe this day will remind us all in good conscience what we can do and that the decisions we make will affect the nation as a whole," Tackett said.

Bhatt said he would send the copies of the resolution to the other seven state universities, Eastern Kentucky, Western Kentucky, University of Louisville, Murray State, Northern Kentucky University, Kentucky State, Morehead State.

SGA will also send the resolution to Kentucky's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

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U of L athletic complex gets \$1.6 million promise

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — University of Louisville Athletic Association directors authorized spending up to \$1.6 million to help the school buy land for the \$29 million University Park athletic complex.

The board also approved plans, in principle, to hire full-time head coaches in non-revenue sports that will heavily use parts of the complex, including tennis, soccer, baseball, swimming and track.

The idea, said Paul Jones, associate dean of the graduate school and an athletic-association board member, is to have more full-time coaches who also will act as facility directors for their

sports.

As full-time coaches, they should have better control of the intercollegiate athletes they work with, helping their academic and athletic performance, Jones said. Details of the proposal are still to be worked out.

The athletic complex is to be located primarily along the east side of Belknap campus.

Land acquisitions and fund raising for the complex are under way. Timing will depend to a large extent on the success of U of L's efforts to raise about \$20 million in contributions.

The balance has been committed by the state and the athletic association.

KSU, Murray preparing for cuts in education budget

Staff, wire reports

Kentucky State and Murray State universities have joined the ranks of Kentucky's public colleges in tightening their belts in response to a \$31.7 million reduction in state higher education budgets.

"We are not filling any vacancies except those which are crucial to the functioning to the University," said a KSU statement released this week. KSU is also "curtailing travel and all spending in general."

Murray President Ronald Kurth released a memorandum earlier this week in which he said the budget cuts would cost the university between \$1.5 and \$2 million, according to the council's appropriation formula.

Deans and directors at Murray will be asked for two reports, one indicating how their respective units of the college would meet a 4 percent budget cut, and another that would show how that unit would deal with a 7 percent budget cut.

"We will not impose a horizontal cut but rather consider each unit separately," Kurth said. Personnel reductions will be a "last choice."

Muslim students tell of discrimination

LOUISVILLE — Students of Arabic or Muslim origin, breaking their silence after two professors reportedly were denied tenure, said they have encountered frequent discrimination at the University of Louisville.

The students said at a news conference Thursday that discrimination from students and faculty had become more prevalent in times of crisis between the United States and Muslim countries.

They were responding to a published report that two assistant professors in the Speed Scientific School were denied tenure because of their Middle Eastern origin. The students urged the university to reverse the decision.

They also encouraged U of L to aggressively enforce regulations against racial, religious or cultural discrimination.

"We have come to see that by remaining silent we become guilty of collaborating with those who treat us with hatred, ridicule or contempt," said Hashim Alsabi, who last year received a master's degree in engineering from the Speed Scientific School. He spoke on behalf of the Muslim Arab Association. The group was formed last spring because of the tension and harassment many students of Arabic origin said they felt during the Persian Gulf War.

About 80 of the university's 23,000 students are from predominantly Muslim countries, according to U of L.

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Iracane says he supports Meredith

OWENSBORO, Ky. — The chairman of Western Kentucky's regents says he supports President Thomas Meredith and doesn't want him to leave the university.

"He has my total support," Chairman Joe Iracane said after returning from a trip abroad. "I don't know what more to say on the issue."

A letter containing 39 signatures of prominent businessmen and civic leaders and three former WKU regents urged Meredith to withdraw from consideration for the presidency at the University of Central Florida in Orlando in exchange for a public endorsement from the regents.

Regarding reports of a rift between Meredith and some regents, Iracane said: "It stems from a story that Bobby Bartley, a member of our board, indicated that there was nitpicking going on between several members of our board and Dr. Meredith. Legitimately there is no nitpicking."

Iracane released a 10-page paper last week outlining the regents' position regarding Western's future. He said it was prepared by him, regent Vice Chairman Patsy Judd and several others.

"We had a press conference and I gave him a position statement of the board," Iracane said. "I don't think it's nitpicking, and neither does Tom."

Iracane said he and Meredith may have differences of opinion on approaches to things, "but as far as I'm concerned, he's the administrator. He must make the recommendations."

LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY.,
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Cloak of secrecy at UK

A recent description by Marcus McEllistrem of the University of Kentucky's policy on faculty records bore no resemblance to the actual experience of faculty of denial of access to, and even destruction of, their personnel records. We also take exception to his damning indictment of the character of UK faculty in his assertion that they require a special veil of secrecy before they can perform their publicly funded duty of providing honest appraisals of the work of others.

Our position is well-expressed in last year's Supreme Court ruling requiring disclosure of such written appraisals, which stated: "We are not so ready ... to assume the worst about those in the academic community. ... Not all academics will hesitate to stand up and be counted when they evaluate their peers."

The courts are becoming increasingly impatient with the cloak of secrecy demanded by faculty such as McEllistrem, since the courts are repeatedly confronted by the real world abuse of such secrecy by faculty who use it to hide in the subject's files dishonest, personal attacks that harm or destroy the career of the individual. As a federal court ruled this year " ... an evaluator need fear public scrutiny only if improper considerations affected his decision."

Faculty, state employees and the public need the ease and protection of faculty access to their personnel files as the state legislature intends for all public employees.

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University of Kentucky

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This letter also was signed by six other UK professors.

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LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, LEXINGTON, KY., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1991

Changes to be made to aid disabled

By Tonja Wilt

Herald-Leader staff writer

University of Kentucky, Chancellor Robert Hemenway could not enter his office yesterday.

He wasn't locked out. He was in a wheelchair.

Hemenway, who toured the campus in a wheelchair to increase awareness about the disabled, couldn't enter his office because the Administration Building has no wheelchair ramps.

"I learned some of the unexpected difficulties that our handicapped students encounter. For example, the leaves falling down on the wheelchair ramps — how they affect the wheelchairs," said Hemenway, chancellor of the Lexington campus.

About 30 students and staff participated in the program.

"They said they didn't realize the little things — what a big difference they make," said Jake Karnes, director of handicapped services.

'I learned some of the unexpected difficulties that our handicapped students encounter. For example, the leaves falling down on the wheelchair ramps — how they affect the wheelchairs.'

— UK Chancellor Robert Hemenway

However, the disabled have a much easier time getting around on campus now, in comparison to what the campus was like in the 1970s, Karnes said.

UK will take another step in making the campus more accessible in November when permanent seating will be installed for disabled students at Shively baseball field. The field, which underwent \$650,000 in renovations in April, did not include seating for the disabled. Administrators attributed the mistake to an oversight.

Federal law prohibits any federally

funded program or activity from discriminating against any person on the basis of a handicap. That means that buildings must have access for the disabled.

The changes, which cost \$48,000, will be completed in time for the first home baseball game next spring. It will provide seating for 20 disabled students.

"When we went over there last year they had us sitting on the field (behind) a screen," said Jeff Merrill, an architecture junior. "It was hard to (see) the ball through the screen. I'm really pleased with what they are doing."

Seating for the disabled will be behind the dugouts. Work will begin within the next three weeks.

However, the university is not stopping with Shively field. UK will ask the General Assembly for \$11.5 million to make the Administration Building, Pence Hall and Miller Hall accessible to the disabled, said Ed Carter, vice president for management and budget.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1991

Group asks to speak to WKU regents

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Representatives of a community group trying to keep Western Kentucky University President Thomas Meredith from leaving have asked to speak to the school's Board of Regents tomorrow.

The group's members said they want to make their remarks before the regents elect new officers at that meeting.

About 60 people, mostly from Bowling Green's business and professional community, met yesterday at the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce to prepare for the regents' regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

A letter was sent to Meredith's office on Monday asking that two members of the group be allowed to address the regents, a group spokesman said.

Some group members have said Meredith decided to interview for the presidency of the University of Central Florida in Orlando last week because friction between him and WKU board Chairman Joe Iracane was interfering with his job. Iracane and Meredith have denied the claim.

THE COURIER-JOURNAL, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1991

College officials fear budget cuts

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. — Administration officials fear that, after years of underfunding, Elizabethtown Community College's budget may be slashed.

President Chuck Stebbins said the campus, the third-largest in the University of Kentucky's community-college system, is bracing for news on funding.

UK President Charles Wethington Jr. has said UK could face a \$15 million budget cut. Stebbins said he believes the 14 community colleges will bear some of the cuts.

On Nov. 4, the state Council on Higher Education will allocate a \$31.6 million reduction to all universities, and UK officials will know how deeply their budget will be cut.

In education, small is better

By Thomas Toch

In an influential 1959 report titled "The American High School Today," former Harvard University President James B. Conant convinced the nation that secondary schools should be large and "comprehensive."

Three decades of experience now suggests Conant was wrong. By the measure of the tremendous number of students turned off to learning in the nation's large, comprehensive secondary schools today, the megaschools have been a costly failure.

Visits to today's comprehensive public high schools provide a discouraging picture. One quickly learns that scores of students — rich and poor, high-achieving and low- — are apathetic about academics.

Outside influences, such as uninterested parents, drugs and television, are partly to blame: They make teaching and learning a lot tougher. But there is little about public secondary schools themselves that kindles an enthusiasm among students for being in school.

Alienated students simply go through the motions in class, united with equally disaffected teachers in a "conspiracy of the least" — an unwritten, unspoken pledge to put as little energy as possible into their work.

Conant's model should be abandoned. And indeed, a small but expanding number of school systems have jettisoned their comprehensive secondary schools in favor of organizational arrangements that encourage closer ties between students, teachers and administrators.

Invariably, there is more personal contact between students and teachers in small school settings. The closer ties between students and teachers in small schools results in a level of genuine caring and mutual obligation that is found far less frequently in comprehensive schools. Those largely intangible qualities are crucial ingredients of successful schooling; for when students and teachers feel mutually responsible to one another, they tend to work harder on each other's behalf.

Small schools are less dependent upon bureaucratic governance. For teachers, that means fewer rules and regulations defining their roles and relationships. This in-

creased autonomy in turn produces greater collegiality — as well as a greater degree of shared responsibility among teachers.

There's also strong evidence that the attributes of smaller schools create a healthier academic environment. A 1987 study of 744 comprehensive high schools nationwide found the dropout rate at schools with more than 2,000 students to be twice that of schools with 667 or fewer students. A 1988 study of 357 high schools by University of Chicago researchers Anthony S. Bryk and Mary Erina Driscoll revealed higher rates of class cutting, absenteeism and classroom disorders in large schools.

Many educators remain committed to Conant's belief that large schools are necessary to have a "comprehensive" curriculum that readies all students for their diverse futures. One result: There are more vocational education instructors than English teachers in the nation's high schools today.

But increasingly, employers themselves are arguing that even students going directly into the workplace need less-specialized oc-

cupational training and more education — that is, more exposure to subjects such as history, literature, math, science and geography to help them use their heads on the job and not just their hands.

Perhaps the most telling indictment of large, comprehensive schools is that many school systems are attempting to combat their dropout problems by assigning truant and other "borderline" students to "alternative schools" with enrollments of 200 to 300 students. These provide intensive remedial instruction and extensive student-teacher contact — small schools that counter the anonymity of the traditional comprehensive model.

School systems would better serve themselves — and their students — by making similarly supportive school environments available to students before they reach the point of dropping out.

Thomas Toch, correspondent for U.S. News & World Report, wrote In the Name of Excellence: The Struggle To Reform the Nation's Schools.

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College officials fear budget cuts

ELIZABETHTOWN — Elizabethtown Community College's administration fears that, after years of underfunding, the college's budget may be slashed.

ECC President Chuck Stebbins said the campus, the third-largest in the University of Kentucky's Community College System, is bracing for news on funding.

UK President Charles Wethington Jr. has told UK's board of trustees that the university could face a \$15 million budget reduction. Stebbins said he believed the 14 community colleges will have to bear some of the cuts.

ECC's funding level was increased by 37 percent in the last biennium, and Stebbins said it would be frustrating to lose that long-sought money.

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KSU regents name Smith president

By RICHARD WILSON
Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky State University's regents named Dr. Mary L. Smith, a veteran KSU administrator and professor, as the school's 11th president yesterday.

Their 6-3 vote gives Smith, 55, the job for which she was a semifinalist two years ago, before the regents named John T. Wolfe Jr. to the post. Wolfe resigned nearly two weeks ago after a lengthy controversy with the board of regents over the cost of renovating the president's home and other allegations of mismanagement.

Smith is the second woman ever to head a state university in Kentucky. The first was Kala Stroup, president of Murray State University from 1983-90. She is now president of Southeast Missouri State University.

The three regents who voted against Smith said their opposition was not to her personally, but to the procedure that undercut what they said should have included a presidential search.

Smith, who has been a faculty member, dean, vice president and acting president at KSU since 1974, thanked the board and said she hoped she could earn the support and cooperation she will need to guide the university.

"This job is not new to me. The people with whom I will work are not new to me. I am here to work with you. We are all colleagues, and it is my hope that we can pull together and continue to work toward helping all of the students who enter this university to receive the best education that they can receive," Smith said to applause from the audience in the packed board room. Smith was acting president from April 1989 to July 1990 after the resignation of Raymond Burse. She had told the regents recently that she was not interested in being acting president again.

Regents Edythe Jones Hayes, J.J. Johnson and student Chris Rasheed voted against her.

"My rationale is that I believe this is a major university and deserves the search process," Hayes said. But she and Johnson also said they would support Smith.

Three of the six regents who voted for Smith said they agreed that normally a search should have been undertaken.

"But I recognize this is a critical situation. There is an urgent need for someone to be in charge of this university, and I think that Dr. Smith is eminently qualified as evidenced by (her) previous record," regent James Luckett said.

Faculty regent Richard Taylor added that KSU needed "secure, sound leadership" now.

Board Chairman Louie B. Nunn noted that Smith was the third runner-up when Wolfe was named president. "I feel that her service here and her work here have not diminished since she finished so highly among the others for whom the search was held," he said.

Smith, who met privately yesterday with the regents for about 90 minutes during a closed session, was named executive vice president and special assistant to the board earlier this month after administrative charges of incompetence, neglect of duty and immoral conduct were filed against Wolfe. Wolfe's resignation averted a hearing on the charges.

Nunn said that during the private discussion with Smith, the regents asked her numerous questions about her ideas for the university. He said the discussion was general and related to KSU's management and academic programs.

"I think she feels that she would like to discuss those things with the faculty, alumni (and others) before making any formal presentation to the board or anyone else," Nunn said.

Smith earned her undergraduate degree at Jackson State University in Mississippi and master's and doctoral degrees in education at the University of Kentucky. She was a teacher in public schools from 1957 to 1966. Her husband, LeRoy, is a former head football coach at KSU and is now acting chairman of the school's health, physical education and recreation department.

The regents gave her a contract that expires June 30, 1994, and an annual salary of \$92,500, which will be reviewed annually.

In another matter, Nunn said that unnamed "civil authorities" had "made inquiries" of a KSU attorney on an issue which he refused to disclose. But he directed cooperation in the matter.

Board attorney William E. Johnson acknowledged that the contact came from Franklin Commonwealth's Attorney Morris Burton. He declined to speculate on the nature of information sought by Burton. Burton said later that he is only gathering information now relating to the charges against Wolfe to determine if an investigation is warranted.

At the time the nine charges were placed against Wolfe, Johnson suggested that two of the alleged actions might have been violations of state law. One pertained to a split bid for a contract and the other related to a pay raise Wolfe allegedly gave himself without the regents' approval. Wolfe returned the raise, and the board dropped all nine charges as part of the settlement with Wolfe, which included his resignation.

Prior to Smith's appointment, J.J. Johnson, the regent, urged the board to publicly discuss a procedure for seeking Wolfe's successor. "We've got to have a search procedure to name a president," said Johnson, who is from Louisville.

But regent Edward T. "Ned" Breathitt, obviously aware that some board members intended to name Smith yesterday, asked William Johnson, the board's lawyer, if the regents could name a president any time they were in session. Johnson said he was unaware of any legal prohibition against such action.

Nunn, a former governor and lawyer, agreed. But J.J. Johnson persisted, saying that such a procedure was not only rational, but needed.

"It may not be rational, but the board makes the rules," Nunn added.

Breathitt, also a lawyer and a former governor, then made a motion to hold a closed session to discuss the appointment of a president yesterday. The motion passed 6-3. The board then went behind closed doors for more than two hours before resuming its public session and making Smith's appointment official.

Mary Smith is named president of KSU

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — Kentucky State University regents yesterday skipped a formal search process and named Mary L. Smith the school's 11th president.

She replaces John T. Wolfe Jr., who resigned Oct. 18, the day he was to answer nine charges of incompetency, neglect of duty and immoral conduct.

Smith had been serving as executive vice president and special assistant to the board since Oct. 7, when regents stripped Wolfe of most of his powers and gave them to her.

Smith, 55, has been at KSU for 22 years. She was interim president during the search that brought Wolfe to the university in July 1990, but Smith recently said she would not want the temporary position again.

She becomes the second woman to head a public university in Kentucky. The first was Kala Stroup at Murray State University from 1983 to 1989.

"Thank you very much for your confidence in me," Smith told the board after yesterday's meeting. "This job is not new to me. The people with whom I work are not new to me.

"It is my hope that I will be able to obtain the support and cooperation for the entire university family. I am here to work with you. We are all colleagues," she said.

"It is my hope that we can pull together and continue to work toward helping all of the students who enter this university to receive the best education that they can receive."

Three of the nine regents — Edythe Jones Hayes, John H. Johnson and Chris Rasheed — voted against Smith's appointment, saying they thought the board should go through a formal screening process before selecting a new president.

"I vote no, and my rationale is I believe this is a major university and deserves a search process," Hayes said, prompting applause from the audience of about 30 students, administrators and faculty.

"This is nothing against Dr. Smith. If the board elects to employ her, then I will give her my 100 percent support."

Both Johnson and Rasheed, the student regent, agreed with Hayes. "If the board votes a majority to appoint Dr. Smith as president, one minute after the vote I will give her my 100 percent support," Johnson said.

Board chairman Louie B. Nunn, however, noted that Smith was one of the top contenders for the presidency during the last search. "I feel that her service here and her work here has not diminished since she finished so highly among the others for whom a search was held," he said.

"If she was unknown, if she was unproven, if she had not demonstrated her capabilities, I would vote with the three who dissented," Nunn said. "But she has, in my opinion, demonstrated her capabilities, her character, her integrity, her concern and her dedication for this university.

"I wish her well in her endeavor."

Other regents praised the quick selection. "This is a crucial situation and there's an urgent need for someone to be in charge of this university," James E. Luckett said.

"While there's a good argument to be made that a thorough search should be conducted, there's an equally or more compelling one that we secure sound leadership at KSU," said faculty regent Richard Taylor.

"KSU needs a nurturer and a healer at this point. Therefore, I'm voting in her favor."

Smith's term began with yesterday's announcement and runs through June 30, 1994. She will make \$92,500 a year, which will be subject to review and adjustment at the end of each year.

Smith, a Mississippi native, earned her bachelor's degree at Jackson State University and her master's degree and doctorate at the University of Kentucky. She came to KSU in 1970, and has since

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Franklin prosecutor looks at Wolfe case

By Eric Gregory

Herald-Leader education writer

FRANKFORT — The Franklin County commonwealth's attorney said he is looking into whether John T. Wolfe Jr. committed any crimes while president at Kentucky State University.

"I feel like I would be remiss not to take a look at it to see if there's something that needed to be pursued," Morris Burton said.

"It may take 30 minutes, it may develop into something that I might think a grand jury might want to look at. You never know until you get into it."

Wolfe resigned Oct. 18, avoiding a hearing on nine charges of incompetence, neglect of duty and immoral conduct brought by board chairman Louie B. Nunn.

Two allegations carried possible criminal penalties:

- Wolfe gave himself a 9.5 percent pay raise — from \$92,500 to \$101,288 — despite a contract stipulation that only the regents can adjust his pay. Wolfe returned the adjustment. Johnson, however, has said the increase could constitute theft by deception, a felony.

served as a professor of education, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and vice president for academic affairs.

Alan Moore, president of the Faculty Senate, said Smith has always worked well with teachers, students and administrators.

"This is the right thing for the board to do," he said. "She understands education. She's committed to it. Mary Smith is precisely the right person that we need at this moment to help in the healing process and help the university move forward.

"I couldn't be more pleased."

Students at the meeting weren't so happy. Many did not join in the applause when Smith spoke to the crowd. Afterwards, Sandra Bassett, a senior, said students are upset about the way the board handled the selection.

"We are questioning the board's tactics," she said. "When they find a certain policy doesn't fit their needs, then it's in the best of interest for them to change it to suit their needs."

Bassett was referring to a motion by regent Johnson, who asked the board to name Howard Ross, the school's academic vice president, as interim president. When Raymond Burse resigned as KSU president in 1989, Smith, then academic vice president, was named the school's acting executive.

But Reggie Thomas, the school's attorney, said yesterday that the university does not have a written policy of succession. Smith was elevated on the advice of Burse, who at the time said the academic vice president was next in line.

bid for construction services for more than \$10,000 at his house to be divided into smaller accounts. Such a tactic, used to evade legal reporting requirements, carries a fine of up to \$5,000 and between one and 10 years in prison.

All charges were dropped as part of his agreement, which also included a cash settlement and a promise by Wolfe, KSU and the board not to sue each other.

But at yesterday's KSU board meeting, Nunn asked regents if they had any problems with school attorneys cooperating with inquiries by "civil authorities." None objected.

The board's attorney, William E. Johnson, later identified the civil authority as Burton. Johnson said he plans to meet with the prosecutor "and answer all questions that may be addressed to me."

Burton said he wanted to wait until "things calmed down and the dust had settled" before looking into the charges.

Wolfe has denied the allegations, according to university documents obtained by the Her-

Education looks anew at 3-year degree

Sharply rising college costs and the need to streamline curricula are causing some educators to consider telescoping the bachelor's degree into a three-year plan. Others say more, not less, education is needed.

By Anthony Filnt
Boston Globe

As college costs continue to soar — with many private schools charging more than \$23,000 a year — a new proposal has begun to gain attention in higher education circles: giving students the option of completing college in three years instead of four.

The idea is being promoted by Oberlin College President S. Frederick Starr, who says that a three-year baccalaureate degree would not only save families a year's tuition, but would also help colleges sharpen the focus of their curricula.

"What I am trying to do is to rethink the process of college the same way the Japanese rethought the car," Starr said from his home in Ohio. "It turns out that even most Americans did not want the fins."

CLOSE-UP:

"The idea is worthy of consideration. And it is certain to stir debate about what the baccalaureate degree is all about," said Ernest Boyer, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

"Nobody really knows why we have four years, other than we borrowed it from Oxford and Cambridge." Cambridge now has a three-year undergraduate program, as do many other higher education institutions outside the United States.

Sharper focus

At most American colleges, students spend the first two years primarily on general education and the liberal arts and devote the final two years to more specialized study in their majors. Boyer said a three-year degree could force institutions to integrate the two better.

Starr said a three-year bachelor's degree — a kind of fast-track option for filling all the usual requirements in less time — would also force colleges to winnow out frills and lightweight courses in the curriculum. He says that institutions have a vested interest in keeping tuition-paying students on campus for four full years, but they might not need to stay that long.

Not so, said Vartan Gregorian, president of Brown University. "This makes sense economically but not intellectually," he said.

"There is more to learn now than ever before in history. If I had my choice, I would make it five years. We need more time to digest it all."

Many students today are completing college in five years instead of four. Clare Cotton, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts, said fewer than 50 percent of college students were earning their bachelor's degrees in four years.

"And what we have been worrying about is whether they complete, period," Cotton said, noting that many students drop in and out of college because they have problems or because they have to work.

The high school gap

Another problem is that, for many students, the first two years of college are remedial. The declining preparedness of high school graduates must be addressed before a three-year degree is considered, said Gregorian.

"It's not possible without reforming our school system," Gregorian said. "We have to insist on standards, what students ought to know, rather than having to accommodate them when they get to the university."

Starr acknowledges the problem, but suggests that students in need of remedial education could get it at a community college or preparatory school at greatly reduced expense. Colleges could even

foot this bill for the students they want to recruit, Starr said, and still save money.

The reason Starr's proposal has attracted attention, of course, is that tuition costs have soared beyond the reach of many middle-income families.

Tuition increased at a double-digit rate during some years in the 1980s. A consumer backlash, as well as a Justice Department investigation into alleged price-fixing among top colleges, has led many institutions to hold down increases in recent years. Rather than charging more, some colleges have turned to internal cost-cutting and streamlining.

But the tuition increases continue to outpace inflation by several percentage points, and prices are not expected to level off much in the 1990s. At the same time, state and federal financial aid have not kept pace, leaving many students to borrow heavily to finance their education.

Higher education leaders point out that operating a college is inherently an expensive enterprise, particularly because it is labor-intensive. Faculty salaries have soared as universities compete against one another and against industry for the best teachers. Laboratory equipment, the maintenance of existing facilities and the demand for student centers and services are also frequently cited.

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Morehead session to focus on women, technology

Herald-Leader staff report

The social and ethical issues of technology as they relate to women will be the focus of a special symposium at Morehead State University on Friday and Saturday.

The symposium, "Women, Technology and Ethics: Defining the Issues of the 21st Century," will be open to the public. The symposium, coordinated by Morehead's ad hoc committee on women's studies, has drawn presenters from across the country. Among the themes to be explored will be "Impact of Technology in the 21st Century," "Technology and Reproduction,"

and "Educating and Providing New Career Opportunities for Women."

The keynote speakers will be Ruth Hubbard, professor emeritus of biology at Harvard University, and Karen J. Warren, assistant professor of philosophy at Macalester College in Minnesota.

The on-site registration fee is \$55. Those attending one day will be charged \$30 Friday and \$20 Saturday. The charge to those wishing to attend only the meetings and none of the meal sessions will be \$20.

Registrations will be accepted by telephone at (606) 783-2153.

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UK assisant chancellor is finalist for East Tennessee State post

Associated Press

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Five finalists for president of East Tennessee State University were announced yesterday, including a University of Kentucky assistant chancellor. School officials said they would look for more candidates to add to their shortened list.

The five finalists named by Chancellor Otis Floyd of the Tennessee Board of Regents are:

James P. Chapman, assistant chancellor of the University of Kentucky; Ryan Amacher, dean of the

College of Commerce and Industry at Clemson University; Myron S. Henry, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Old Dominion University; H. Ray Hoops, vice chancellor for academic affairs of the University of Mississippi; Lawrence K. Pettit, chancellor of Southern Illinois University.

Floyd said he expected a contract to be issued to a search firm in November to find additional candidates. He has said he hopes to have the new president selected by January.

IN OUR VIEW

Keep Hammers

Acting superintendent can be bridge between Donta, next administration

The Boyd County Board of Education should ask acting Superintendent Ray Hammers to remain until the end of the current school year.

This is not a good time of the year to employ a permanent replacement for former Superintendent Delmis Donta, whose resignation was accepted Saturday. Most superintendents are under contract through the end of the school year and are not able to accept another position. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to employ the most qualified candidate at this time.

However, if Hammers would agree to stay until June 30, the school board would have time to conduct a nationwide search for a superintendent who could take office July 1. Since it is important that the board employ a superintendent who has no current or previous connections with the school system, the more time there is to conduct a thorough search, the better for all concerned.

Hammers, a retired Union County superintendent, could play a role in the Boyd County school system similar to that A.D. Albright performed at Morehead State University. Albright, a for-

mer Northern Kentucky University president, took over as president of Morehead after the controversial administration of Herb Reinhard. During his brief tenure, Albright brought peace to the Morehead campus, made some key administrative and organizational moves, and helped make the transition to the administration of current President Nelson Grote much easier. Hammers can be a positive bridge between Donta's controversial tenure and the administration of the next superintendent.

In just a few weeks, Hammers has demonstrated that he can be an effective leader for the school system and he has earned the praise of diverse groups within it. We're convinced that he can help put turmoil and factionalism behind the school system and unite the district for the cause of quality education.

"If they want me to stay awhile, I will," Hammers said Saturday.

When it next meets, the first order of business for the Boyd County school board should be to keep Hammers for the remainder of the school year. His services are needed to help usher in a new era.

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UK chancellor tours in wheelchair

LEXINGTON, Ky. — University of Kentucky Chancellor Robert Hemenway had problems getting around the campus this week. Hemenway toured the campus Tuesday in a wheelchair to increase awareness about the obstacles disabled people face each day. About 30 students and staff participated in the program.

He found out that he couldn't enter his office because the Administration Building has no wheelchair access. "I learned some of the unexpected difficulties that our handicapped students encounter," Hemenway said. "For example, the leaves falling down on the wheelchair ramps — how they affect the wheelchairs."

2 UK students win debate honor

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Two University of Kentucky students were named top freshman debaters Monday at the annual Harvard University Intercollegiate Debate Tournament at Cambridge, Mass., UK announced yesterday. Don Puckett of Lexington and Andy Albano of Omaha, Neb., claimed the top honor with a 3-2 final-round decision over Redlands University, the announcement said. Forty teams from universities from across the country competed in the tournament.